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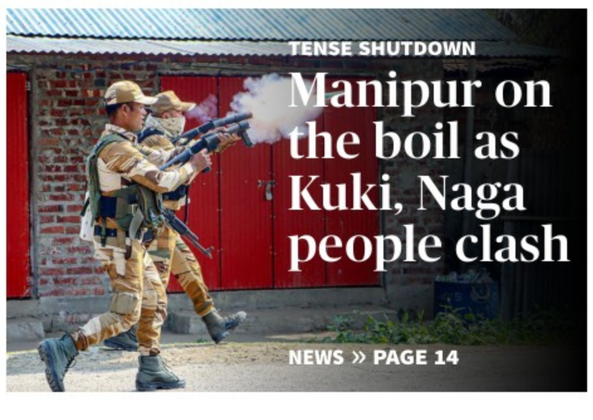

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CET to be held from tomorrow

BENGALURU
The Common Entrance Test (CET) 2026 for admissions to professional courses such as engineering, agricultural sciences and veterinary sciences will be held on April 23 and 24, Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) said on Tuesday.» PAGE 2

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U.S. violated truce, says Iran as uncertainty clouds talks

U.S. blockade of ports and seizure of tanker amounts to ceasefire violation, says Iran; U.S. V-P's trip to Islamabad put on hold; Tehran remains non-committal on talks as ceasefire set to expire today

Stanly Johny

With the two-week truce in the U.S.-Israel war on Iran due to expire on Wednesday, Iran said on Tuesday the U.S. blockade of its ports and the seizure of a tanker in the Gulf of Oman amounted to violation of ceasefire. Iran added that it has yet to decide whether to join a new round of talks with Washington in Islamabad, even as U.S. President Donald Trump claimed that his team would "soon" hold negotiations with Tehran.

Pakistan said it has made all arrangements for the talks, but has yet to receive formal confirmation from Iran about its participation, as of Tuesday evening.

"Blockading Iranian ports is an act of war and thus a violation of the ceasefire. Striking a commercial vessel... is an even greater violation," Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said in a social media post on Tuesday. "Iran knows how to neutralise restrictions and how to resist bullying."

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaeri told the state-owned IRIB Network that that "no final decision has been taken" on the talks. "The reason is the inconsistent behaviour and unacceptable actions of the American side," he said.

Mr. Trump had said on Monday that Vice-President J.D. Vance, Special Envoy Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner, the President's son-in-law, had already left for Islamabad. But U.S. media reported on Tuesday, citing White House officials, that Mr. Vance's planned trip was put on hold.

Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, Iran's Parliament Speaker, said Mr. Trump was seeking Iran's surrender which his country would not accept. "Trump, by violating the ceasefire, seeks to turn this negotiating table... into a table of surrender or to justify renewed warmongering," he wrote in a social media post. "We do not accept negotiations under the shadow of threats, and in the past two weeks, we have prepared to reveal new cards on the battlefield."

Iranians walk past a mural against U.S. and Israel in Tehran on Tuesday, a day before the end of the two-week ceasefire. AFP

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HC: Only marks for SSLC third language, no grades this year

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Students will be given marks, not grades, for third language in the SSLC exam held this year. On Tuesday, the High Court of Karnataka made clear that any proposal for awarding grades for third language could be considered only from the next academic year as per law.

Justice E.S. Indiresh passed the order while disposing of a review petition filed by the State government, which wanted the court to review its April 15 verdict on a petition, filed on April 8 by three students, Sahana R. Naik of Chikkamagaluru district, and Anusha and Sudiksha of Udupi district.

The court made it clear that the State government and its authorities are at liberty to change the rules governing the examinations and awarding marks or grades, as per law, for third language in future. For the academic year 2025-26, the court made it clear that students will have to be awarded marks for the third language as per the rules, which were in place when the SSLC examinations commenced on March 18.

The circular issued on October 28, 2025 on SSLC exams would be binding on the authorities to award marks for the present academic year, the court clarified

Interestingly, the government advocate conceded before the court on April 15 that 'evaluation for the SSLC examination will be conducted as per the circular prevailing as on today', and not as per the proposal to award grades.

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13 killed in blast at fireworks unit in Kerala

The Hindu Bureau
THRISSUR

At least 13 people were killed and around 40 injured in a series of explosions at a fireworks manufacturing unit in Mundathikode near Thrissur in Kerala on Tuesday, in one of the worst such incidents reported in the region.

The fireworks manufacturing unit, situated on a five-acre paddy field, was preparing fireworks for the Thiruvambady Devaswom, one of the two groups organising the famous Thrissur Pooram.

These materials included supplies for a sample fireworks show on Friday.

The explosion occurred around 3.30 p.m., triggering a fire that soon engulfed multiple structures in the area.

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It's clobberin' time — Fantastic Four ready for battle

Title holder PSG seems to be the team to beat on paper; German giant Bayern, after sealing its Bundesliga title, will be buoyed by the fact that it can focus more on the Champions League; Arsenal and Atletico, on the other hand, are desperate to break the hoodoo this time around

Contrasting match-ups: While the contest between Arteta's Arsenal and Simeone's Atletico will be a 'who-blinks-first' affair, plenty of goals are expected in the semifinal between Kompany's Bayern and Enrique's PSG. REUTERS, AP & AFP

S. Shrivathsan

Arsenal, Atletico Madrid, Paris Saint-Germain and Bayern Munich are the last ones standing in the Champions League, whose expanded version has seen 32 teams get punched out of the ring in the season so far.

Arsenal and Atletico are desperate to break the hoodoo – both clubs are considered giants of the European game, but the title has eluded them – and enjoy the lustre of the coveted silverware from close quarters. Reigning champ PSG is in no mood to allow the other contenders to snatch the trophy from it, while Bayern is steadfastly putting the pieces together to go the distance for the first time since 2019-20.

Is the 'London Bridge' falling down?

The 'London Bridge' appears to be falling down. Part of a quadruple chase at one point, Arsenal can at max finish the season with a double – it was run ragged by Manchester City in the League Cup final and sent packing out of the FA Cup by Southampton in the quarterfinals.

With the supporters' patience wearing thin and fear of another trophyless campaign mounting, manager Mikel Arteta finds himself in a now-or-never situation.

While the recent slip-ups in the tight Premier League title race may have been gut-wrenching, Arsenal can take heart from its blotless record in the CL this term.

The London-based side – the only unbeaten team in the continental event – topped the league phase without breaking a sweat before getting past Bayer Leverkusen and Sporting Lisbon in the pre-quarterfinals and last-eight stage respectively.

"Being among those four teams (semifinalists) is very special. You have to earn it, and you have to go through a lot. It is about taking the last steps; we are taking steps that have not been taken at this club for 140 years. The players deserve it for what they are doing," Arteta told *TNT Sports* after Arsenal recorded a 1-0 aggregate victory over Sporting.

Though there is no tangible reward to show for, the improvement that Arteta mentioned is there for all to see – after being eliminated in the quarterfinals in 2023-24, Arsenal went a step further the following season but could not stop the marauding PSG.

Back again in the final four, the Gunners will face a vastly different challenge in the form of Diego Simeone's Atletico. The probable return of some of the key players who were on the sidelines should be a shot in the arm for Arteta & Co.

"We played Atletico here (the Emirates Stadium) at the start of the competition (Arsenal won 4-0). It is a top side. We have time to think about that game and analyse," said Arteta.

Atletico, the 'real' Madrid this time?

Atletico could be the 'real' Madrid in the tournament often ruled by the Spanish heavyweight's crosstown rival. Simeone's men had their share of troubles before getting to this level – they had to take the playoff route after coming 14th in the first phase and then thwarted danger from Tottenham Hotspur and familiar foe Barcelona.

"Being among the four best teams in Europe is incredible. It is our fourth CL semifinal in 14 years (2013-14, 2015-16 and 2016-17 being the other instances)," Simeone told *CBS Sports*.

"It (last-four qualification) gives the club a lot of hope to keep on working. We keep on reinventing ourselves year after year. We obviously want to take Atletico to the best place in Europe," added Simeone, who has been at the helm since 2011.

The manager, hoping to exorcise ghosts of the past, has a good enough squad to script history – Atletico having 12 different scorers in the ongoing CL season is an indication that it is not relying on one source to bulge the net. The Madrid-based team has also found a way to smartly cope with the absence of some established names (due to injuries).

The depth will be much needed for the two-legged fixture against Arsenal. "We are in the semifinals of the Champions League. Whoever we get (draw) is a top team. Whoever passes [the test goes to the final]," said forward Ademola Lookman.

PSG, the 'French' toast of the CL town

PSG has been the 'French' toast of the CL town for a while now. The Luis Enrique-managed outfit was nowhere close to its best in the opening phase – finishing 11th – but crucially picked up steam as the competition progressed. The 8-2 thrashing of Chelsea in the pre-quarters and 4-0 drubbing of Liverpool in the subsequent stage were nothing but statements of intent from the title holder.

"I have to say they are different (semifinal qualification in the past two campaigns) because everybody felt that we could not win the Champions League last season. We had a young squad. Now, everybody knows that we are the champion. But we need to grow, and I think that we can do it," Enrique said after PSG ran riot against Liverpool.

The Spanish coach has a 'dream team' at his disposal, and it is hard to ignore the plethora of talent PSG has in its ranks. If Ousmane Dembele does not get you, Khvicha Kvaratskhelia will; if Kvaratskhelia does not, one of the other forwards in the stacked frontline will.

Joao Neves and Vitinha are now used to running circles around opposition midfielders, while the long-serving Marquinhos and Willian Pacho have been solid at the back.

Enrique would gladly take the embarrassment of riches considering the packed schedule ahead of the side – the CL semifinal matches against Bayern are sandwiched between six Ligue 1 games that will have a huge say in the larger scheme of things.

"It is a real pleasure for me to know that my team is at that level; it does not matter who we are playing against or where we are playing. You can see what sort of team we are and what sort of players I have got. We have a lot of confidence and belief in the group. It is important to express that belief as well. It is great to be united," Enrique added.

Bayern's mastery in Munich

Unlike PSG, Bayern can solely focus on the CL after bagging its Bundesliga crown recently.

The Bavarians, anyway, are on a roll in the continental extravaganza – they came just behind Arsenal in the first round, crushed Atalanta 10-2 in a lop-sided last-16 duel before overcoming Real 6-4 in a capricious quarterfinal.

The forward line, including Harry Kane, Luis Diaz and Michael Olise, has been a key part of its success so far. And the players are buzzing with positivity.

"When you beat a team like Real Madrid, especially in the latter stages of the Champions League, it gives you a lot of confidence. This is the time to push on. We feel that we can beat anyone when we are at our highest level. We are going to need that in the next round because PSG is one of the best teams in Europe," said Kane, who is on a fine scoring run.

The availability of Jamal Musiala and Alphonso Davies adds firepower to a playing XI already studded with quality. "The timing (of Musiala's comeback) is so good. When he is ready, he is going to be of massive help to us. It is the same with Davies," said manager Vincent Kompany after the duo came on in the second leg of the final-eight battle.

On paper, PSG seems to be the team to beat and is well positioned to retain the glittering trophy. But, as they say, titles are won on the field and not on paper.

THE GIST

- Arsenal — the only unbeaten team in the continental event — topped the league phase without breaking a sweat before getting past Bayer Leverkusen and Sporting Lisbon in the pre-quarterfinals and last-eight stage respectively
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Ms. Sushma Boppana (Right), CEO of Sri Chaitanya Educational Institutions &
Ms. Seema Boppana (Left), Director of Sri Chaitanya Schools along with JEE MAIN 2026 All India Toppers

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165	MOHIT CHANDRA	260310207920
166	S T VATHSAN	260310126961
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Only marks for SSLC third language, no grades this year

It was based on this submission that the court had issued a direction on April 15 to award marks while observing that 'rules of the game cannot be changed midway' citing earlier verdicts of the court on changing rules after commencement of exams.

In its review petition, the government pointed out that the petitioner students had not placed before the court an order passed by a Division Bench dismissing a PIL petition questioning awarding marks for third language, and also the draft rules notified on April 10 for awarding grades instead of marks.

The State Advocate General mainly argued that the observations made by the court in its April 15 order may give an impression that the government is curtailed from changing the rules even for future academic years. To this, the court made clear that the government is at liberty to frame rules as per law for future years. Earlier, the court also pointed out to the A-G that Kannada is also one of the third languages for SSLC students.

Meanwhile, advocate for the petitioner students pointed out that removing marks would impact the overall percentage of students, particularly those who score high marks in languages.

Case background

The petitioners had questioned the proposal to award grades for the third language instead of marks, contrary to the prevailing circular on evaluation.

SSLC students seek lenient evaluation

As court mandates marks over grades, students demand that these scores not be counted or that grace marks be introduced

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Students who appeared for this year's SSLC examination have requested the State government to step in with clear assurances after the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday clarified that marks, not grades, will be awarded for the third language paper this year, and that any shift to a grading system can only be implemented from the next academic year.

The clarification has left many students anxious, as students say their preparation was influenced by earlier announcements that the third language would be graded instead of marked. Now, while marks will be awarded, students are demanding that these scores should not be counted in the final percentage, or that grace marks or lenient evaluation be introduced.

The clarification has left many students anxious, as students say their preparation was influenced by earlier announcements that the third language would be graded instead of marked. FILE PHOTO

Amrutha P.H., a student of a Kannada medium school, said including third language marks in the final tally could bring down one's overall score. She had opted for Hindi as her third language and admitted that she did not focus on it as much after hearing about the grading system. "Once we were told it would be grading, I shifted my focus to other subjects. Social Science was held on April 2, and I concentrated more on that," she said, adding that a return to marks now will put down many her percentage.

Many students expressed this concern, pointing out that subjects like English and Hindi are already considered challenging for those studying in Kannada medium schools. Pooja, another student, said the idea of grading had given them some relief. "Knowing that the third language would not affect our percentage directly helped us focus better on the last exam. But now that marks are back, the government must make sure no one fails because of this and should consider giving grace marks," she said.

Teachers, too, have backed students' concerns, arguing that even small changes in percentage can have serious consequences. One teacher explained that if third language marks are included, some students may lose out on pre-university (PUC) seats by just a few percentage points. "Admissions are very competitive, and even a minor drop can cost a student a seat. Either these marks should not be counted, or students should be compensated," a teacher said, on the condition of anonymity.

Many students described the third language requirement as a burden, adding that the timing of the policy shift has made things worse.

"While we usually prepare for all subjects, it is a common tendency to keep the third language for the end. When we heard it would be graded, we all relaxed and adjusted our preparations accordingly. Changing that at the last minute has created confusion and stress. If marks are now counted, it will pull down overall results," Vinay M., who had Sanskrit as his third language, said. He added that a more lenient evaluation would be a fair approach.

Students also raised concerns about fairness when compared to other boards. One student pointed out that CBSE students benefit from calculations based on five subjects, which can improve their overall percentage. "This time, we thought grading might help us get better scores, too. We have not made any mistake, so the government should either exclude these marks or ensure liberal scoring," the student added.

KEA to conduct CET on April 23 and 24

The Hindu Bureau
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The Common Entrance Test (CET) 2026 for admissions to professional courses such as engineering, agricultural sciences and veterinary sciences will be held on April 23 and 24, Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) said on Tuesday.

Physics and Chemistry papers are scheduled for April 23, and Mathematics and Biology papers are scheduled for April 24, the examination authority said, adding that extensive surveillance and security measures are in place this year to prevent malpractice.

This year, 3,30,479 candidates have registered, including 1,44,380 boys and 1,86,099 girls. Among them, 970 are differently-abled candidates, for whom special arrangements have been made, the KEA said.

The Kannada language test for candidates from border areas and outside Karnataka will be held on April 22 at five centres located in Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Vijayapura and Belagavi, ahead of the main exam.

Students going through security measures ahead of the 2025 Common Entrance Test at an exam centre in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

KEA Executive Director H. Prasanna said stringent arrangements have been made across all centres. To curb malpractice, CCTV surveillance will be deployed on the lines of recruitment examinations, and all 745 centres across the State will be monitored through live webcasting. District-level monitoring and supervision will be handled by Deputy Commissioners and Chief Executive Officers of zilla panchayats.

In Bengaluru, 77,604 candidates are expected to appear for the examination across 163 centres. A central command centre has also been established at the KEA office to monitor proceedings in real time.

Special provisions have been made for 970 differently-abled candidates, who will be provided the necessary facilities. Candidates using hearing aids have been instructed to report at least two hours in advance to allow for additional verification procedures. Authorities have also identified sensitive centres, where signal jammers have been installed to prevent any form of electronic cheating.

Candidates have been directed to arrive at their respective centres at least two hours before the examination due to strict verification processes.

These include facial recognition and QR code-based authentication to ensure that impersonation is eliminated. Mr. Prasanna said the same verification mechanism will also be used during the admission process.

The authority has also requested students who may have scored low marks or failed in the II PUC first examination not to skip CET, noting that marks obtained in subsequent improvement exams will also be considered while preparing CET rankings.

For the first time, each examination centre will have a designated 'dress code officer'. Candidates have been advised to wear half-sleeve clothing and preferably outfits without collars. Male candidates must wear simple pants with minimal or no pockets, while attire such as kurta-pyjama and jeans is not permitted. Shoes are also prohibited. Items including mobile phones, Bluetooth devices, earphones, microphones and any electronic gadgets are strictly banned inside examination halls.

CET statistics

Total candidates	Boys	Girls	Differently-abled candidates
3,30,479	1,44,380	1,86,099	970

Exam arrangements

Total exam centres: 745	CCTV cameras: 15,265
Deputy chief superintendents: 745	Room invigilators: 13,770
Dress code officers: 745	Frisking teams: 3,304
Exam centre staff: 12,665	Facial recognition teams: 3,304

Woman held for setting male friend ablaze

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 27-year-old woman was taken into custody by the Byadarahalli police for allegedly burning her boyfriend alive at her residence in Anjananagar on Tuesday afternoon.

The victim, Kiran, 27, had arrived at the accused Prerna's house around 2 p.m. after she had invited him over. Both were employees at a telecom company and had been in a relationship for nearly two years.

The incident

According to police sources, the accused lured Kiran under the pretext of a "western-style proposal." She allegedly blindfolded him, tied his hands and legs to a chair, and reassured him when he questioned the tight restraints, claiming it was part of a trend popular abroad.

Investigators said the woman then removed his clothes and distracted him before dousing him with petrol and kerosene, which she had arranged in advance, and then set him on fire. Kiran died on the spot.

The police revealed that the accused also recorded the entire act on her mobile phone. The footage has been seized and is being examined as crucial evidence.

Initially, Prerna attempted to mislead investigators by claiming she was in the bathroom when she heard a loud sound and later found Kiran had set himself on fire.

However, officers grew suspicious after examining the scene. "At first glance, it appeared to be a case of suicide, but investigation confirmed it was murder," said Deputy Commissioner of Police D.L. Nagesh.

Further inquiry established that the petrol used in the crime had been arranged by the accused. The police also noted that the victim had arrived on a bike carrying only a bag and had not brought any flammable material.

Senior citizen duped of ₹31.78 lakh

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 61-year-old woman has allegedly been cheated of ₹31.78 lakh by fraudsters. The victim filed a complaint at the CEN Crime Police Station on Saturday, stating that she received a phone call on March 27 from someone who claimed to be from an insurance company. The caller informed her that an insurance amount of ₹63 lakh linked to her deceased husband was pending. They also sent emails, sharing documents related to the alleged insurance claim.

Believing the claims to be genuine, she transferred a total of ₹31,78,915 through multiple online transactions. The accused then became unreachable.

A case has been registered.

More schools part of *The Hindu's* NiE programme shine in CBSE exam

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Schools that are part of *The Hindu's* Newspaper in Education (NiE) programme are celebrating after delivering strong performances in the recently announced Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) examinations.

St. Joseph's School: All 151 students passed the exam, with 45 securing distinction and 102 achieving first class, resulting in a 100% pass rate. The top performers were Marc Thomas with 97.17%, Adisha M.D. with 96%, and Sangini Mahala with 95.33%. RNS International School: A total of 153 students appeared for the exam. As many as 103 students secured distinction, while 50 students passed with first class, with the school maintaining a 100% pass result for the past eight years. Yashas S. emerged as the topper with 98%.

Siddaganga Higher Primary School: A total of 112 students appeared for the exam. As many as 16 students secured distinction. Ansh Prabhu and Tanmayee K.R. emerged as the school toppers with 97.2% each.

PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya recorded a 100% pass result for the third consecutive year, with 114 students securing distinction and 207 passing with first class. Khairavi Laxmi Jamjam emerged as the school topper with 97.8%.

Sri Jnanakshi Vidyaniketan: A total of 210 students appeared for the exam. As many as 68 students secured distinction, while 167 students passed with first class. The school has maintained a 100% pass result for the past 15 years. Shreyas S. emerged as the school topper with 95.6%.

SJR Public School: A total of 74 students appeared for the exam. As many as 18 students secured distinction, while 42 students passed with first class. H. Dikshith Gandhi emerged as the topper with 93.60%.

Gangothri International Public School: A total of 60 students appeared for the exam. As many as 20 students secured distinction, while 25 students passed with first class. The school has maintained a 100% pass result for the past 16 years. Sukruta K.S. emerged as the topper with 98.8%.

Devin National School: A total of 72 students appeared for the exam. As many as 69 students secured distinction, while 3 students passed with first class. The school has maintained a 100% pass result for the past nine years. Ayush Joshi emerged as the topper with 97.8%.

BGS Public School: A total of 83 students appeared for the exam. As many as 70 students secured distinction, while 10 students passed with first class, with the school recording a 100% pass result. Kruti Shetty emerged as the school topper with 98.4%.

Rashtrotthana Vidya Kendra: A total of 190 students appeared for the exam. As many as 68 students secured distinction, while 122 students passed with first class. The school has maintained a 100% pass result for the past 15 years. Mithun Jai Venkataraman emerged as the topper with 98.6%.

Sri Aurobindo Memorial School: A total of 180 students appeared for the exam. As many as 60 students secured distinction, while 105 students passed with first class. Chi. Nabonita Bagchi emerged as the topper with 96.4%.

The Oxford Senior Secondary Schoolr: A total of 91 students appeared for the exam. As many as 71 students secured distinction, while 12 students passed with first class. Manmeeth H. emerged as the topper with 97.8%.

North Hills International School: A total of 27 students appeared for the exam. Leannah Sarupa David emerged as the topper with 96.8%.

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Peripheral neuropathy: why only some mutations cause disease

Long nerves in our limbs may be particularly sensitive to even slight interference from particular mutations; if researchers can find ways to target and block the mRNA or protein made from the mutant genes, it might be possible to treat inherited peripheral neuropathies

D.P. Kasbekar

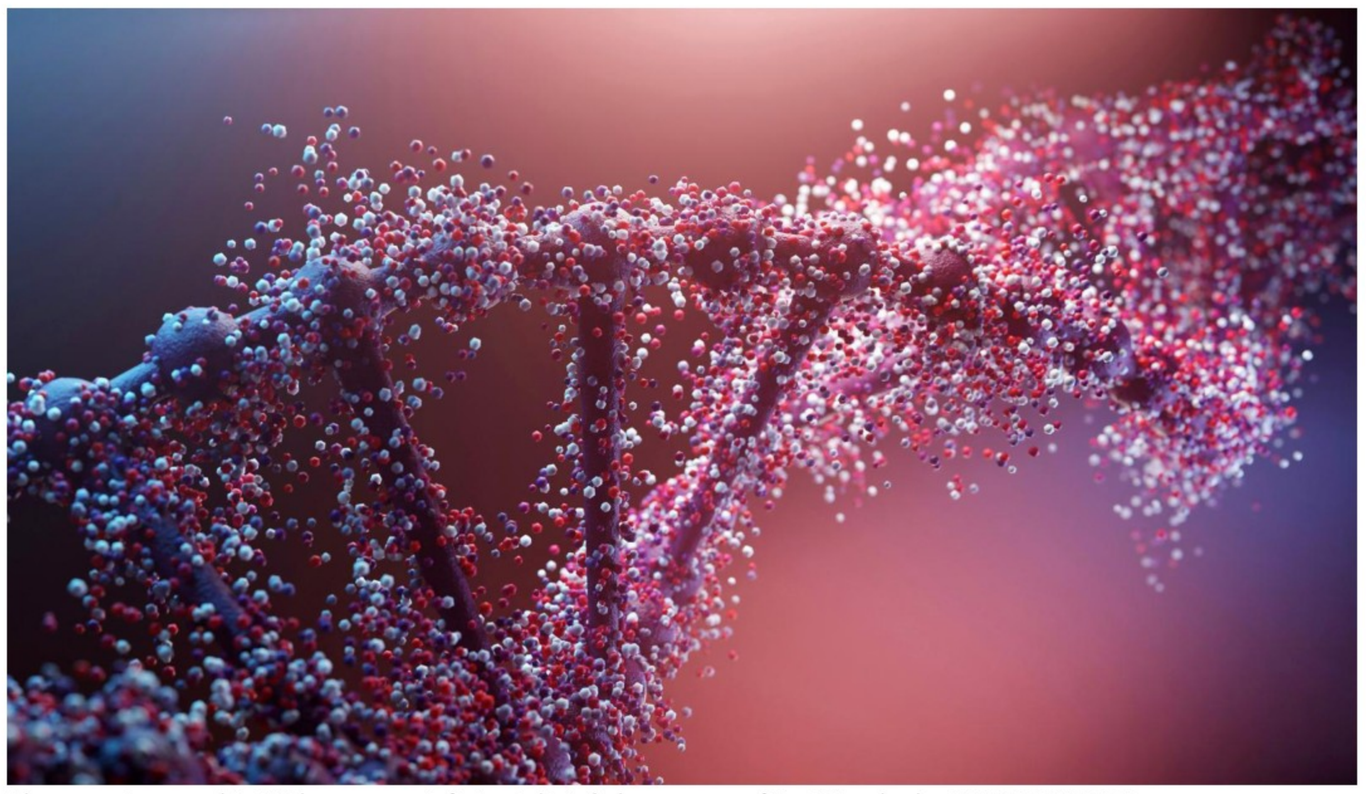
Inherited peripheral neuropathies (IPN) are cruel genetic diseases that affect around 1 in 2,500 individuals. A person affected by IPN develops high foot arches, curled toes, thin calves, and walks awkwardly or trips. Their fingers may become clawed and, because they lose sensation, they may not notice minor injuries. In some cases, the weakness of the muscles supporting the torso can lead to a curved spine.

Mutations in more than 100 genes can cause IPN, including in seven of the 37 genes that code for enzymes called aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases (ARS). However, only some mutations in the ARS genes result in peripheral neuropathy. Others do not.

A research team led by scientists at the University of Michigan Medical School in the U.S. has now found why this is so. The disease-causing mutations were found to have a dominant-negative property, meaning the faulty protein created by the mutations doesn't just stop working; it actively interferes with the healthy version.

The findings now offer medical researchers a way to devise therapies.

The findings were published in two papers: one in 2023 in the journal *Human Molecular Genetics* and the other, this January in *Human Genetics and Genomics Advances*.



When a gene is expressed, its DNA base sequence is first copied into the base sequence of its mRNA molecules. MJH SHIKDER/UNSPLASH

THE GIST

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Only some mutations in the ARS genes result in IPN and others do not

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When two is less than one

Each one of us possesses two copies of every gene, one copy inherited from each parent. An ARS gene bearing a dominant-negative mutation makes a non-functional mutant protein. Additionally, the faulty protein also blocks the function of the normal protein made from the healthy copy inherited from the other parent.

As a result, ARS enzyme activity in people with one mutant copy is even less than in individuals bearing one normal gene and a second 'null' mutation that produces no protein at all. This explains why people with a missing copy of the gene often remain healthy, while those with the specific neuropathy mutation become ill.

A dominant-negative effect usually involves proteins that function as dimers, i.e. two molecules of the protein have to pair up to work correctly. The neuropathy-associated protein paired with the healthy protein to create a broken duo, thus accounting for the reduced function.

Charging up

When a gene is expressed, its DNA base sequence is first copied into the base sequence of its mRNA molecules. The mRNA is loaded onto cell structures called ribosomes, which function as protein-making factories. The base sequence of the mRNA specifies the sequence in which amino acids are joined together to make the encoded protein. Twenty different amino acids are used to build all proteins.

Another RNA, called tRNA, delivers the amino acids to the ribosomes. Each tRNA attaches to a specific amino acid. tRNA molecules attached to their matching amino acids are said to be 'charged'. Sets of three bases in the mRNA (codons) pair with their corresponding bases in the tRNA (anti-codons).

Correct codon-anticodon pairing ensures that the correct amino acid is added in the correct sequence to the growing protein.

This 'charging' of the correct amino acid is done based on the tRNA's anti-codon and performed by the ARS specific to that amino acid. In humans, the amino acids alanine and asparagine are attached to their corresponding tRNAs by ARSs encoded by the *AARS1* and *NARS1* genes, respectively.

Playing with yeast

The dominant-negative effect of neuropathy-associated *AARS1* and *NARS1* mutations was uncovered using budding yeast (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*). Genetics experiments are easier to do in yeast than in humans, other animals, or in cells derived from them.

First, the scientists engineered the yeast cells to shut off their own native Ala-ARS or Asp-ARS gene when an antibiotic was added to the growth medium. Next, they inserted human *AARS1* or *NARS1* DNA sequences into the cells via two delivery vehicles in parallel. One vehicle was a chromosome-like DNA containing the normal *AARS1* or *NARS1* gene. The other vehicle was an extra-chromosomal DNA that carried either the healthy *AARS1* or *NARS1* gene or one of their mutant versions.

Researchers found that disease-causing mutations had the dominant-negative property, meaning the faulty protein created by the mutations doesn't just stop working, it actively interferes with the healthy version

The mutants were neuropathy mutations as well as 'null' mutations (which produce no protein and are not expected to interfere with healthy ones) from patients with IPN.

All the engineered yeast cells grew equally well in normal growth medium containing the sugar glucose. This showed that the cells were not adversely affected by the mere presence of the human DNA sequences. The differences only became evident when the researchers added the antibiotic to the medium to turn off the yeast's own ARS gene, and another sugar to express its extra-chromosomal human counterpart.

Cells containing only a human 'null' mutation did not grow. This suggested that a functional Ala-ARS or Asp-ARS gene is essential for growth. In contrast, cells with one healthy human gene and one human 'null' mutant grew robustly, meaning the healthy human gene could do the job alone and that the 'null' version did not get in its way.

However, cells containing one healthy human gene and one neuropathy-associated mutation failed to grow. This showed the neuropathy-associated mutations, unlike the nulls, actively interfered with the healthy version. That is, they had a dominant-negative effect.

Finding treatments

The neuropathy-associated mutant protein traps healthy protein in non-functional pairs, thus reducing functional ARS, decreasing the pool of available amino acids for building proteins, affecting protein synthesis, and ultimately causing disease.

The authors wrote in their paper that long nerves in our limbs, which must maintain protein production far from the cell's main body, may be particularly sensitive to even slight interference from these mutations.

If researchers can find ways to target and block the mRNA or protein made from the dominant-negative gene, it might be possible to treat the IPNs, and the yeast strains developed in these studies could prove useful in this search.

(D.P. Kasbekar is a retired scientist and an independent science writer. kasbekardp@yahoo.co.in)

BIG SHOT

A worker fills a sack with cocoa beans at a warehouse in Fengolo, Ivory Coast on February 11. Rains were mainly below average last week in most of the country's cocoa-growing regions, with farmers saying more moisture is needed to boost the quality of beans. Ivory Coast is the world's top cocoa producer. REUTERS

WHAT IS IT?

Hahnöfersand bone: of contention

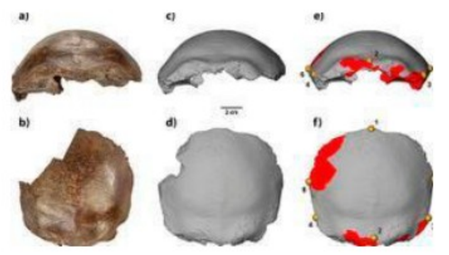
Vasudevan Mukunth

Researchers recently reevaluated a famous fossil known as the Hahnöfersand frontal bone. It was first found in Germany in 1973, with scientists dating the bone to 36,000 years ago.

Scientists' early descriptions of the bone suggested that, going by its robust appearance, the individual who had it was a hybrid between a Neanderthal and a modern human. However, newer dating methods recently revealed that the bone is much younger, originating only about 7,500 years ago, from the Mesolithic period.

To resolve these conflicting estimates, researchers from Germany and Italy used a 3D imaging technique called surface registration. This method creates a nearly clean map of a fossil's surface, allowing the team to compare its shape to other known bones from a dataset of Neanderthal, Middle Pleistocene hominin, and various modern human bones.

Thus, the team found that the geometry of the Hahnöfersand specimen was within the natural variation of comparable modern human (*Homo sapien*) bones. Statistical analyses found no evidence of intermediate or hybrid morphology. Instead, the bone's shape closely matched that of other Holocene-era humans, specifically individuals from the Mesolithic and Medieval periods.



The Hahnöfersand frontal bone: (a) and (b) show the bone in its current state and (c)-(f) depict its reconstruction. SCI. REP. 16, 12696 (2026)

The researchers concluded that the previous "hybrid" interpretation was likely the result of subjective visual observations plus difficulties of placing fragments at the right orientation. Per the new study, the Hahnöfersand is a modern human. Its authors have also said surface registration provides a more accurate way to identify fragmented fossils and study human evolution.

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More stretches in city centre to see paid parking system

The paid parking system was introduced on Church Street and Rest House Road after it was implemented on M.G. Road

Chetan B.C.
BENGALURU

More roads in the Central Business District (CBD) of the city have been brought under the paid parking system after the Bengaluru Central City Corporation successfully implemented it on M.G. Road. In contrast, no contractors have shown interest in tenders floated by the other corporations, according to sources.

Recently, the paid parking system was implemented on Church Street and Rest House Road.

According to documents reviewed by *The Hindu*, the Central Corporation has finalised bids and is in the final stages of implementing the system across seven other stretches: Crescent Road, Brigade Road, Langford Road, Ejipura Road, Indiranagar 80 Feet Road, Museum Road, and Magrath Road. In Zone 2 of the corporation, officials have finalised a few stretches. In total, the corporation is expected to earn a revenue of ₹4.4 crore annually through these efforts. Apart from these, 24 more stretches, including 100 Feet Road in Indiranagar, Wood Street, Castle Street, Commercial Street, and Cambridge Road, are also being considered.

Tenders in final stage

	Two-wheeler spots	Four-wheeler spots
Crescent Road	45	0
Brigade Road	0	45
Langford Road	25	15
Ejipura Road	33	0
Indiranagar 80 ft. Road	115	26
Museum Road	68	18
Magrath Road	0	22

Parking charges

Across all stretches, the parking fee has been set at ₹15 per hour for two-wheelers, increasing to ₹30 for the second hour, and rising by ₹15 for every subsequent hour. In the case of four-wheelers, the price is set at ₹30 per hour. If any vehicle is found parked within the area defined in the layout map but outside the earmarked parking slots, the licensee will be responsible for initiating the towing of the vehicle. "The licensee shall be entitled to collect towing charges of ₹650 for two-wheelers and ₹1,000 for three-wheelers and four-wheelers directly from the vehicle owner," the contract issued to the concessionaire states.

According to officials, the stretches have been selected as per the Directorate of Urban Land Transport 2.0 Parking Policy for Bengaluru, which has identified specific locations where the paid parking system can be implemented. What remains lacking, as per the policy, is the development of a centralised digital application to make it convenient for citizens to access parking spots.

In the North Corporation, officials floated tenders for multiple packages in two areas, Yelahanka and Hebbal, but received no bids. The situation was similar in the East Corporation, which invited tenders for six stretches, including ITPL Road and Channasandra Road. Even the West Corporation failed to attract any bidders. A senior official explained that in the North Corporation, during the pre-bid meeting, participants had raised concerns over the annual share payable to the corporation, which was set at ₹1.7 crore for four stretches. The figure was later reduced to ₹1.2 crore, but still no bids were received. When tenders were floated again, only a single bidder participated, but a background check revealed a poor track record.

In the East Corporation, officials are unsure why there was no interest despite quoting a lower revenue share of ₹61 lakh payable to the corporation. "In the Central Corporation, bids have come in for the CBD because office-goers and shoppers are more likely to use the pay-and-park system. This scenario is not the case in stretches like Channasandra and other roads in the East Corporation. People will resort to residential parking, leading to revenue loss for contractors, which may be the fear," the official explained.

K.V. Rajendra, Commissioner of the West Corporation, said that tenders will be floated again in their jurisdiction, and if no bidders come forward, the corporation will implement the system on its own.

Woman, daughter-in-law assaulted

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A 51-year-old woman and her daughter-in-law were allegedly assaulted and abused by their neighbours, who objected to them feeding the community dogs in the city. They also allegedly ransacked their house. The complainant, Lakshmi M. had been feeding the community dogs in the locality for the past 15 years. Her neighbours, identified as Vasu and Nagaraj, allegedly warned her against feeding the dogs.

On April 16, a dog reportedly chased Nagaraj, and Lakshmi's son intervened to rescue him. This led to a heated argument between Lakshmi's family and their neighbours.

The situation escalated on April 18 around 7 p.m., when Vasu, his son Dileep, and their associates allegedly trespassed into Lakshmi's houseand assaulted her. Lakshmi further alleged that her daughter-in-law was also assaulted and verbally abused.

The Jnanabharathi Police have registered a case.

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BMTC plans to add independent external monitoring layer to smart ticketing system

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The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) is planning to introduce an independent layer of external monitoring for its smart ticketing system, even as it rolled out around 11,000 Electronic Ticketing Machines (ETMs) across its bus network last month.

The BMTC will appoint a Project Monitoring Consultant to oversee the system's implementation, operations, and compliance, according to officials.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, a senior BMTC official said the move comes amid the scale and complexity of the ongoing digital ticketing upgrade, which will eventually see the deployment of up to 15,000 ETMs over five years.

In March, the BMTC began rolling out a fully integrated digital ticketing system as part of a major push to modernise its operations. BMTC has awarded a four-year contract to a mobility startup to supply, operate, and maintain around 11,000 advanced ETMs.

Why BMTC plans on monitoring ETMs

- **Large rollout:** 11,000 ETMs deployed, more planned
- **System complexity:** Ticketing, payments, cloud integration
- **Revenue control:** Track transactions, prevent leakages
- **Cybersecurity:** Ensure compliance with safety standards
- **Transparency:** Audit data and system performance
- **Capacity building:** Train staff for independent monitoring

BMTC officials said the monitoring framework, which BMTC is now planning, aims to ensure that large-scale technology deployment functions in line with contractual, technical, and financial requirements. "Given the scale, technical complexity, and the layered cybersecurity, FinTech, and Anti-Financial Crime obligations embedded in the project, BMTC requires an independent Project Monitoring Consultant (PMC) to provide expert oversight," the official added.

The ETMs being deployed are Android-based handheld devices with 4G/Wi-Fi connectivity, integrated with a centralised Automatic Fare Collection System (AFCS) hosted on a cloud platform.

The system is designed to handle high passenger volumes, with BMTC operating more than 6,800 buses from 50 depots, catering to nearly 45 lakh commuters daily.

The upgraded ticketing system supports multiple modes of payment, including cash, UPI, QR code-based payments, National Common Mobility Card (NCMC), smart cards, and digital passes.

This transition is expected to streamline fare collection and improve transparency in revenue tracking, according to officials.

Focus area

A major focus area will be cybersecurity and data protection. The monitoring will also ensure that all operational data is stored within India, as mandated.

The BMTC official said that the scope of monitoring extends to field-level operations as well, including deployment across depots, training of conductors, integration with vehicle-tracking systems, and audit of ticketing data such as waybills and transaction logs.

These measures are expected to help identify anomalies and minimise potential revenue leakages.

In addition to ticketing operations, the consultant should also assess the monetisation potential of BMTC's real estate assets, including depots and land parcels, as part of efforts to boost non-fare revenue.

The monitoring engagement is planned for an initial one-year period, extendable by six months. BMTC also plans to train its internal staff during this period to independently oversee the system in the future.

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Prepare DPR for flyover at Iblur Junction: GBA chief

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BENGALURU

M. Maheshwar Rao, Chief Commissioner, Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), instructed corporation officials to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the construction of an additional flyover at Iblur Junction on the Outer Ring Road (ORR).

Mr. Rao noted that the construction of an additional flyover at Iblur Junction would ease traffic congestion.

He directed the officials while discussing the development of Suraksha 75 junctions and white-topping works across the city. The development of Iblur Junction under the Suraksha 75 project is under way, and the officials have been directed to coordinate with the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) to complete the work swiftly.

The development of Iblur Junction under the Suraksha 75 project is under way, and officials have been directed to coordinate with the Bengaluru Traffic Police to complete the work swiftly. FILE PHOTO

Rao says that the construction of an additional flyover at Iblur Junction will ease traffic congestion

Further, Mr. Rao directed the officials that in areas where metro corridors exist, joint inspections should be conducted by officials from the city corporation, BMRCL, and traffic police departments to finalise designs and begin Suraksha-75 work promptly.

He also directed officials to expedite the white-topping works by coordinating with the BWSSB and the traffic police.

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RISE 06:02	SET 18:33
RISE 12:28	SET 00:45

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Growth in China's services spending in the year 2025

5.4 in per cent. China's services spending has outpaced goods consumption growth in recent years but still lags far behind developed economies. Per-capita services consumption accounted for 46.1% of total consumption in 2025, well below the roughly 70% seen in the U.S. China has unveiled plans to expand its services sector to 100 trillion yuan by 2030. REUTERS

Final tranche of Saudi Arabia's loan received by Pakistan

1 in $ billion. Pakistan has received the second and final tranche of USD 1 billion from Saudi Arabia, as part of an aid package aimed at boosting its foreign reserves, the state bank said on Tuesday. Pakistan returned $2 billion to the UAE last week, after failing to secure an agreement to roll over the loan. The country's external account has come under pressure due to the West Asia conflict. PTI

Indian households that can benefit by quitting tobacco

11.5 in per cent. Seven million middle-income families may stand to benefit from quitting tobacco, estimates published in the British Medical Journal Global Health suggest. The research added that treatment of tobacco-related disease and productivity lost due to illness and premature death add up to global losses of more than USD one trillion every year. PTI

Number of Chad's anti-gang violence troops sent to Haiti

1500 Chad will deploy 1,500 troops to Haiti as part of the United Nations security force to the Caribbean country to combat gang violence, according to a letter from the president to the legislature. Last year, the UN Security Council approved the expansion of the Kenya-led multinational force in Haiti to 5,500 troops. PTI

Number of people charged for alleged coup in Nigeria

6 Nigerian authorities have charged six people, including a retired major general and a serving police inspector, with terrorism, over an alleged plot to overthrow President Bola Tinubu, according to a charge sheet seen by The Associated Press on Tuesday. The nation has not seen a coup since it transitioned to democracy in 1999. PTI

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On the Yashwant Varma probe's future

Justice Yashwant Varma's resignation raises questions over the fate of the statutory inquiry against him. The Constitution asks Parliament to enact a law regulating the investigation of allegations against a judge and an address for seeking removal. The key issue is whether the inquiry's survival can hinge on the judge's continued tenure

LETTER AND SPIRIT

V. Venkatesan

The resignation of Justice Yashwant Varma has revived a question Indian law has not answered satisfactorily in the past 14 years. When a judge quits in the shadow of parliamentary removal, does the statutory inquiry against him fall with him? The question has arisen before. When Justice P.D. Dinakaran resigned in July 2011, the committee was wound up, despite its sittings after his resignation. Justice Soumitra Sen's case went further. His inquiry committee returned adverse findings. The Rajya Sabha voted to remove him in August 2011. He resigned on the eve of the Lok Sabha vote, and the motion was dropped as infructuous. Justice Varma has now resigned as his committee nears conclusion. The first two episodes produced no reform. The third is still in progress.

Speaker Om Birla stands at the same fork. One road leads back to the choice Vice-President Hamid Ansari made in September 2011, when he wound up the committee examining charges against Justice P.D. Dinakaran. The other was set out that year by jurist G. Mohan Gopal, a member of that committee, in a letter to his two colleagues. The letter, later obtained under the RTI Act, was read and circulated. Its reasoning prevailed within the committee, which did not bring the inquiry to an end. Mr. Ansari did.

MPs submit a memorandum to the Lok Sabha Speaker seeking Justice Varma's removal in July 2025. ANI

Constitutional provisions

Mr. Gopal's case begins with Article 124(5). The Constitution asks Parliament to enact a law regulating two exercises. The first is an investigation into whether the allegations against a judge are proved. The second is the presentation of an address seeking his removal. The first produces findings of fact and guilt. If these are established, the second results in a political decision on removal. One is owed to the truth; the other to Parliament's conscience.

The Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968 preserves the distinction. Sections 3 and 4 govern investigative work and depend on no decision of the House. The inquiry, in Mr. Gopal's reading, is a public good in itself. It is owed to the citizenry, entitled to know whether serious charges against a high constitutional functionary stand or fall. It is owed to a judge who maintains his innocence, for whom only a formal clearance settles the record.

The Supreme Court's observations

The Supreme Court has endorsed the dichotomy in terms unchallenged for three decades. In *Sub-Committee on Judicial Accountability vs. Union of India* (1991), the Constitution Bench treated the investigative stage as judicial in character. The decision to remove was political and rested only with the two Houses. In *Sarojini Ramaswami vs. Union of India* (1992), the Court went further. Until the report reaches the Speaker, the process is statutory and open to judicial review.

If the inquiry is a statutory procedure and not a parliamentary one, its survival cannot depend on the respondent's continued tenure. A disciplinary proceeding does not collapse because the officer resigns.

The Act, read with the Judges (Inquiry) Rules, 1969 already anticipates a judge who does not participate. Rule 8, 'Effect of non-appearance', covers two situations: where notice under Rule 5 may have been served on the judge, or where it may have been published. In either case, if the judge does not appear, the committee may proceed in his absence. The rule-makers thus foresaw a respondent who might not cooperate. Their answer was to let the committee continue.

The opposite view, adopted by Mr. Ansari in 2011, carries a consequence that bears naming. If resignation extinguishes the inquiry, every judge facing statutory proceedings acquires a way to abort them. He can read the committee's direction of travel and leave office before an adverse finding is written. Evidence already gathered becomes unusable. Benefits are preserved and reputation is not formally dented. The record is sealed.

Mr. Gopal called this an "absurd situation" that the Constitution could not have intended. A removal procedure the respondent can unilaterally terminate cannot, in any serious sense, be called one. The framers designed the two-thirds majority, the two-House requirement, and the investigative threshold to make arbitrary removal difficult. They cannot have meant those safeguards to double as an easy exit.

Gaps in the 2011 precedent

Mr. Ansari gave no public reasoning for winding up the committee. The reasoning emerged only when the Rajya Sabha Secretariat replied to the RTI petition. The reply admitted that the 1968 Act provided no mechanism for dissolving a duly constituted committee. The decision, it said, had been taken "on the basis of law and precedents". The precedents named were two American cases. Judge Samuel Kent of the Southern District of Texas had resigned on 30 June 2009. Judge George English of the Eastern District of Illinois had resigned on 4 November 1926. Neither bore the load. Kent had pleaded guilty to sexual misconduct charges before quitting. English was impeached by the House of Representatives in 1926 and resigned to avoid the Senate trial. Justice Dinakaran's case resembled neither. No charge had been proved; no House had spoken. The law, on the Secretariat's own reading, was silent.

The silence the Secretariat conceded is the one Mr. Gopal's 2011 letter sought to fill. The first occasion to apply it closed before it could be tested. A second occasion is now before the Speaker.

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THE GIST

- An inquiry committee's investigation into allegations against a judge produces findings of fact and guilt. If established, the presentation of an address in Parliament leads to a political decision on removal.
- If resignation extinguishes the inquiry, a judge facing proceedings can abort them, raising questions about the meaningfulness of a removal process that the respondent can unilaterally terminate.

Challenges for India's informal urban workforce

The recent workers' protest in Noida draws attention to the precariousness of India's urban centres

ECONOMIC NOTES

Tikender Singh Panwar

The recent protests of workers engaged in various industrial units in Noida point to the extreme precariousness of India's urban centres. These protests are just the tip of the iceberg and may emerge in other parts of urban India as well. Over the past few decades, the bargaining power of workers, especially in the informal sector, has steadily declined *vis-à-vis* the state (municipal, State, and Union institutions) and their employers.

The informal workforce constitutes around 90% of India's total employment. In urban areas, according to Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), regular wage or salaried employment remains low, which means that a vast majority of the workforce operates in informal roles.

What went wrong is a long story rooted in the transformation of urban production systems. Cities have shifted from hubs of industrial production to centres of social reproduction. In simple terms, formal industry has declined in city centres – seen in the closure of Mumbai's mills and Ahmedabad's textile plants. As a result, urban spaces have ceased to be centres of organised labour and have become fragmented, where the primary concern is managing precarious lives, also known as the urbanisation of social reproduction. Put simply, the focus has shifted to survival: cooking, cleaning, raising children and securing basic needs like water.

From rights to need-based services

The shift also altered basic services and the role of the state. What Washington Consensus, a term coined by John Williamson, described became the guiding approach to development. Under this framework, the state moved away from providing rights-based services such as water, education, health and environmental protection. Instead, it adopted a need and growth-driven model focused on fiscal discipline, tax reforms, trade liberalisation and privatisation.

The precariousness of the urban worker is a unique intersection of informal labour, land tenure insecurity, and the high cost of living in cities. Around 40% of urban poor live in slums. They spend between 30% to 50% of their monthly income on rent for informal housing (slums and chawls), which often lacks basic sanitation and legal protection. Around 60% of India's urban informal settlements are located in low-lying flood prone areas or hazardous sites.

This is compounded by the privatisation of the essential services, like the transition of water and electricity to market based user-fee models; gentrification and eviction of slums to 'world class' infrastructure and high-end real estate; the dilution of labour laws; usurping of urban commons, where nature and natural spaces were increasingly commoditised. In housing, the state has transitioned from being a direct provider to an enabler of private real estate. Public land once reserved for low-income housing began to be diverted to high end projects.

According to the RBI Bulletin 2025, due to a lack of collateral, the urban poor often bypass formal banking in favour of local money lenders, leading to chronic debt traps.

Urban intersectionality

The Kerala Urban Commission has tried to look at the urban policy from multiple perspectives, including that of working people. The 'workers council' in the city council is one of the ways of reclaiming such spaces, where informal sector workers become co-producers of urban governance and development. In the urban helix of climate change, disasters and precarious development processes, it is important to build multiple intersectionalities between organised trade unions and informal sector workers.

(Tikender Singh Panwar is a member of the Kerala Urban Commission.)

THE GIST

- Over the past few decades, the bargaining power of workers, especially in the informal sector, has steadily declined vis-à-vis the state and their employers.
- The intersection of informal labour, land tenure insecurity and the high cost of living in cities has heightened the precariousness of urban workers.

Jayadeva, Kidwai trials reflect city's research strength amid concerns over regulation

Trials by these institutes, doctors say, represent only a fraction of the registered clinical trials in the city, with 'hundreds of unregistered trials' also being undertaken

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

At Jayadeva Institute, a landmark international, multi-centre study, funded by the U.S.-based National Institutes of Health, examined treatment approaches for stable heart disease. K. MURALI KUMAR

Clinical trials under way at leading government institutions such as the Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research and the Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology offer a glimpse into the kind of advanced research being conducted in Bengaluru, even as doctors pointed to a larger, undocumented landscape of unregistered studies.

Trials by these institutes, doctors said, represent only a fraction of the registered clinical trials in the city, with "hundreds of unregistered trials" also being undertaken by medical colleges and healthcare institutions. At Jayadeva Institute, a landmark international, multi-centre study, funded by the U.S.-based National Institutes of Health (NIH), examined treatment approaches for stable heart disease. The institution was among the two top contributors globally in terms of patient recruitment.

Institute Director Dinesh B. said the study showed that an initial conservative approach using medication and lifestyle changes was as safe as invasive procedures such as stents or bypass surgery for most patients. "Opening up a blocked artery immediately did not necessarily prevent death or heart attacks better than strong medication," he told *The Hindu*.

He pointed out that there was no significant difference in the rates of death, heart attacks or hospitalisation between patients who underwent procedures and those managed medically.

Dr. Dinesh pointed to emerging approaches such as metal-free or "stentless" percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), which uses drug-coated balloons and bioresorbable scaffolds. "This is particularly promising for younger patients, as it avoids leaving a permanent metal implant. As at least 40% of patients admitted to Jayadeva with heart attack are less than 40 years of age, metal-free PCI could be an attractive option since they have a long way to go," he said. The institute has begun offering such procedures in selected cases and has urged the State government to include them under all public health schemes.

At Kidwai, several oncology trials are under way, including a phase III multicentre study on gastric cancer in collaboration with Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research.

Pavan T. Sugoor, associate professor of surgical oncology at the institute, said a Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy versus Adjuvant Chemotherapy in Gastric Adenocarcinoma trial is evaluating whether chemotherapy before surgery improves outcomes compared to the conventional approach. "The aim is to improve survival, increase complete resection rates, and reduce recurrence by treating micrometastatic disease early," said Dr. Sugoor, who is the co-principal investigator of the trial.

National data

These studies come against the backdrop of national data indicating a steady rise in clinical trials. According to the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, 1,233 clinical trials were approved across India between 2021 and 2025, with 9,821 serious adverse events reported and compensation of ₹21.24 crore paid to participants. Minister of State for Health Anupriya Patel told the Rajya Sabha recently that all trials must be registered with the Clinical Trials Registry of India, maintained by the Indian Council of Medical Research, before enrolment of participants.

While registered trials are publicly documented, doctors said the absence of comprehensive State-wise data and the prevalence of unregistered studies point to the need for stronger oversight and transparency.

Experts from seven scientific institutions outline goals to accelerate sustainable future

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

More than 350 researchers have come out with the report

More than 350 researchers from seven of India's leading scientific institutions, along with Schmidt Sciences, have come out with a new report that maps the scientific priorities shaping the country's climate and energy future.

The report outlines seven key research frontiers at the intersection of scientific progress and real-world implementation, namely, climate transition pathways, key energy technologies, modelling for climate finance, land-based carbon sequestration, water and ocean sciences, built environment and resilient cities.

For climate transition pathways, it said that as India's energy sector shifts away from fossil fuels, new modelling approaches can uncover potential economic and social disruptions to secure a just transition for all communities.

It further said that advances in solar voltaics, battery storage, green hydrogen, carbon capture and energy systems modelling are poised to accelerate the decarbonisation of India's energy sector.

"India's forests and fields can absorb the equivalent of half-a-billion tonnes of CO2, but a nationwide effort to expand monitoring, data analysis and coordinated research – especially in biogeochemistry and the carbon cycle – could increase that potential by 400%," it added. The report has been developed in partnership with the Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology, Indian Institute of Science, Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay, IIT Madras, IIT Kanpur and IIT Kharagpur) and The Energy and Resources Institute, India's Climate and Energy Frontiers (ICEF).

George Kutty, beloved figure in city's film society movement, no more

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BENGALURU

George Kutty

George Kutty A.L., a veteran of the film society movement in Bengaluru, passed away on Tuesday. Mr. Kutty, who served as the secretary of the Bangalore Film Society, was also the editor of *Deep Focus*, a magazine known for serious cinema writing.

"His demise is a big loss to the cultural ecosystem of the city," said N. Vidyashankar, senior film critic and author. "Kutty pursued the film society movement like an activist, working towards the screening of movies with socially relevant themes in the city."

Founded in 1977, the Bangalore Film Society was at one point one of the top forums for film discussions in Bengaluru. "Kutty held on to his belief of showcasing movies that could bring a progressive change in people," added Mr. Vidyashankar, who has also served as the artistic director of the Bengaluru International Film Festival.

National Award-winning film critic, M.K. Raghavendra, who was involved with Mr. Kutty in the launch of the quarterly film journal *Deep Focus*, remembers him as an activist, "fiercly radical minded" in his choice of films. "He opted for Marxist documentaries for screening rather than the standard European classics," Mr. Raghavendra told *The Hindu*.

Launched in 1998, the quarterly film journal *Deep Focus* was an attempt at serious film journalism. After its brief absence from 2008, the magazine was re-launched in 2012 as *Deep Focus Cinema*. Acclaimed filmmakers Girish Kasaravalli, Adoor Gopalakrishnan, and Govind Nihlani, and film critics Mr. Raghavendra and Manu Chakravarthy were on the advisory board of the journal.

Mr. Kutty was also the founder-coordinator of *Voice from the Waters*. Initiated in 2005, it is the world's biggest film festival on water issues. "Kutty was deeply committed to the idea of cinema as a medium of political and social awareness," Prashant Pandit, filmmaker, editor, and writer, told *The Hindu*.

Having watched several films with Mr. Kutty in film festivals in Bengaluru and IFFI Goa, Mr. Pandit remembered Mr. Kutty as someone who encouraged "people from varied backgrounds to come together to explore, share and celebrate cinema."

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1) Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi invites 1 tenders as per KTPP Act, 1999 and Rules, 2000 through KPPP Portal 2.0 for service Tender bid documents under Corporation fund.

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2) Estimate Sanction cost: **Amount Rs. 61.00 lakhs,** 3) EMD Value: Rs. 1,22,000, 4) Last date of Bid Submission: 06.05.2026 upto 4-30 pm. 5) Technical Bid Opening date: 07.05.2026 upto 4-35 pm. 6) Financial Bid Opening date: 08.05.2026 after 11:30 am. 7) Office Address : Executive Engineer, Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi. 8) For more details visit Office Website http://www.kalaburagicity.mrc.gov.in/

Note: All subsequent corrigendum/amendment shall be published only on website and not in press. Hence, tenderers are advoised to always be in touch with our said website until the tender is finally opened.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/52/KSMC&A/2026-27

Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation Ltd.
(Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Regd. Office: Nagarabhivruddi Bhavan, # 22, 17th 'F' Cross, Old Madras Road,
Indira Nagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 038 Ph: 080-25196124-129, Fax: 080-25196110
E-mail: info@kuidfc.com, website: www.kuidfc.com

No.: KUIDFC/UWM/TEND/2026-27/03/173 **Date: 21.04.2026**

Tender Notification

KUIDFC invites tenders under NGT Environmental compensation fund and SBM (U) 2.0 fund for below mentioned project from the eligible Contractors. The tender document will be available on KPP portal of GoK **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)**

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Amount put to Tender (Excl. GST) Rs in Lakhs	Earnest Money Deposit Rs in Lakhs
1	Construction of 3.28 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant in **Attibele town** along with 5 years Operation & Maintenance (including 1-year Defect liability period) under SBM (U)-2.0 fund through Design, Built, Operate and Transfer (DBOT) model	744.57	12.00

(1) Tender Publish Date: **22.04.2026**, **(2)** Pre-bid meeting Date & Time: **27.04.2026 Time: 11.30 AM**, **(3)** Last Date & Time for Bid submission: **08.05.2026 Time: 5.30 PM**, **(4)** Date & Time of Opening of Technical bid: **11.05.2026 Time:11.30 AM**, (5) Date & Time of Opening of Financial bid: **18.05.2026 Time:11.30 AM**
Interested bidders may view, download & upload the tenders only through KPP portal. Any further notification will be through KPP portal and KUIDFC official website only.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, Project Monitoring Unit,
UWM-KUIDFC, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/LC/279/2026-27

JAIPUR VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED
प्रभास्मि शशि सूर्यवत्
Office of The Superintending Engineer (TW), Old Power House Premises, Near Ram Mandir Bani Park, Jaipur-302006, TELE FAX NO. 0141-2201022
Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhawan, Jyoti Nagar, Jaipur 302005
Website: http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jvvnl, Email: setw@jvvnl.org

E- TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are hereby invited in two parts (Techno-commercial bid and Price bid) from eligible bidders for the work of Execution of deposit works, including the Supply, Erection, Installation, Testing, and Commissioning of materials/equipment for the construction of 33/11 KV sub-stations, 33 KV & 11 KV overhead Line, laying of 33 KV and 11 KV underground XLPE Cable, construction of 33 KV Bay, 11 KV Bay and shifting of 33 KV & 11 KV line, Metering under Baran and Jhalawar circles on turnkey basis against TW/TN-623.Participating bidders can download complete set of bidding documents from e-procurement portal http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. Last Date/Time for receipt of online bids through e-procurement portal is 11.05.2026 up to 05:00 PM. For further details regarding Works, Tender Notifications & Specifications please visit website **http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in & http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jvvnl.**

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
KARNATAKA STATE HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
KSHIP
Project Implementation Unit, Karnataka State Highways Improvement Project
Annexe Building, KR Circle, Bengaluru-560 001

No.Industrial Corridor/Package-1/IE/2026-27/01 **Date: 22.04.2026**

EOI Notification
(on Karnataka Public Procurement Portal)

The Project Director, Project Implementation Unit, Karnataka State Highway Improvement Project, Bengaluru invites EOI for Selection of Independent Engineers for the project of Development of Road from Vemagal to TN Border for a length of 36.586 km in the state of Karnataka on PPP-DBFOMT-Hybrid Annuity Mode. Interested applicants can view and download the complete EOI document from Government of Karnataka Public Procurement Portal(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) on or after 22.04.2026. The tenderers may submit their EOIs for details in the table through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of the Government of Karnataka.

Name of the Work: Expression of Interest for Procurement of Independent Engineer services for the project of Development of Road from Vemagal to TN Border for a length of 36.586 km in the state of Karnataka on PPP-DBFOMT-Hybrid Annuity Mode.	
Scope of work: The Independent engineer is required to (i) Independently and on behalf of both KSHIP and the Concessionaire/lenders to review activities associated with design, design review, construction, operation and maintenance of the project to ensure compliance of requirements of Concession Agreement, (ii) Report to KSHIP on the financial and technical aspects of the project, (iii) Assist the parties to the Concession Agreement in arriving at an amicable settlement of disputes, if any	
Last date & time for tender queries/ clarifications in KPP Portal	**Date:02.05.2026 upto Time: 16:00 Hours**
Date and Time of Pre-bid meeting	**Date:06.05.2026 Time: 12:00 Hours (PIU, KSHIP, Bengaluru)**
Last date for submission of Bids	**Date:21.05.2026 Time: 16:00 Hours**
Date and Time of opening of Bids	**Date:25.05.2026 Time: 11:00 Hours**

Please note that the Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any of the EOI without assigning any reason whatsoever. Further, any addendums/clarifications/ calendar of events regarding the EOI documents will be published/ uploaded only on Karnataka Public Procurement Portal: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Please note henceforth, any changes in the schedule will not be published through News-papers and further changes will be updated only on Karnataka Public Procurement Portal/KSHIP Website

Sd/-
Project Director
KSHIP, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/283/CCL/2026-27

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
(ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ)
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಭಾಗ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ

ಸಂಃಕಾನಿಇಂ/ಲೋಇ/ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್/ತಾಂಶಾ-1/2026-27/126, ದಿನಾಂಕಃ18-04-2026

ಅವಧಿ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ವಿಷಯಃ 2025-26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ 5054 ಕೆಆರ್‌ಡಿಸಿಎಲ್ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರೆಯಲಾದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಃ 34281 & 35122 ಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅವಧಿ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಕುರಿತು.

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಃ 1) ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿಕಾನಿಅ/ಲೋಇ/ಯಾವಿ/ತಾಶಾ-1&3/ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ/ 2025-26/3693, ದಿನಾಂಕಃ 31-03-2026.

2) ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಅವಧಿ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂ: 96 ದಿನಾಂಕ:13-04-2026

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾದ 2025-26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ 5054 ಕೆಆರ್‌ಡಿಸಿಎಲ್ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರೆಯಲಾದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಃ 34281 & 35122 ಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆಲವೊಂದು ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅವಧಿ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವೇಳಾ ಪಟ್ಟಿ ವಿವರಗಳು ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತವೆ.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ	ವಿವರಗಳು	ಮುಂದೂಡಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು
1	ಪ್ರೀ ಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ	22-04-2026 ಸಮಯ 11.30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ
2	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣ ಕೋರುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	24-04-2026 ಸಮಯ 17.30ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ
3	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	29-04-2026 ಸಮಯ 16.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ
4	ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್	30-04-2026 ಸಮಯ 16.30 ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ
5	ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್	02-05-2026 ಸಮಯ 11.30 ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ

ಟಿಪ್ಪಣಿಃ 1)ಯಾವುದೇ ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡು ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳನ್ನು https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವುದು. 2) ಉಳಿದಂತೆ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳು ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಾನಿಇಂ/ಸಣ್ಣವಿಧಾ/ಯೋಶಾ-1/2026-27/234 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17-04-2026

Government Circular No.: MID/136/MIS/2026 Bangalore Date: 07.02.2026

E-Tender Publication No.: 02, Date:17-04-2026

This is to inform the public that the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Groundwater Development Department, Dharwad Division has decided to extend the fish and livestock rights of the lakes of the Government Minor Irrigation Department in Kalaghatagi / Hubballi / Lakshmeshwar / Mundargi / Hangal / Hirekerur / Rattihalli / Savanoor / Shiggaon / Ranebennur / Byadgi taluks from 2026-27 to 2030-31 fishing crop year. (i.e. from 01-04-2026 to 31-03-2031) for a total period of 05 (five) years through e-tender subject to the terms and conditions of the Minor Irrigation and Groundwater Development Department of the Government of Karnataka as per the schedule mentioned below. Tenders are invited through**(http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

E-Tender Schedule
Date of receipt of e-tender documents: 22-04-2026 to 02-05-2026
Date and time of start of e-tender bid: 03-05-2026 11:00AM
Date and time of end of e-tender bid: 05-05-2026 17:30 PM
For more information visit e-procurement portal (http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

Sd/- Executive Engineer
M.I & G.W.D Division, Dharwad

BANGALORE MYSORE INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDOR AREA PLANNING AUTHORITY
No.5, 2nd Floor, Looplane, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560009.
Phone: 080-22341230/35 E-mail: bmicapa@gmail.com

No: BMICAPA/CLU-01/02-2026-27/123 Date: 21-04-2026

PUBLICATION
(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Sri. Padidam Veeraswamy S/o Late. Padidam Malakondaiah has applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from "Industrial" Zone to "Residential" purpose pertaining to Sy. No: 46/6 extent of 00Acre-05½ Guntas of Chikkathoguru Village, Beguru Hobli, Bengaluru Taluk under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961. The foresaid lands are reserved for Industrial Zone in approved Master plan. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following;

1. **At the time of construction of building, there will be job opportunities to labourers.**
2. **By development of building the Government will get taxes in various forms.**
3. **Surrounding are will be developed by developing the above said land.**

Objections, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 15 days from this notice. Any objections received after stipulated time will not be considered.

Sd/-
Member Secretary,
B.M.I.C.A.P.A, Bengaluru

DIPR/SPAN/282/2026-27

KEYWORD

One of the ghats in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. PTI

Understanding Kshatriyaisation and its relevance in contemporary India

The celebration of the Kshatriya identity by communities like Marathas, Jats, Yadavs, Thevars, and Nairs illustrates the concept of 'Kshatriyaisation'. This assertion of caste pride helps consolidate political support while reinforcing existing caste hierarchies

Aparajay

In the recent past, warrior men and women like Maharaja Suheldev from Uttar Pradesh, Maharani Ahilyabai Holkar from Maharashtra, Veeramangai Rani Velu Nachiyar from Tamil Nadu, Rani Abbakka from Karnataka, Rani Durgavati from Madhya Pradesh, Lachit Borphukan from Assam, the Travancore ruler Marthanda Varma from Kerala, and Veer Kunwar Singh from Bihar, among others, have been celebrated by various BJP-RSS affiliated fronts for fighting against Portuguese, Dutch, British, Mughal, and Afghan rulers in different parts of India. This is in addition to figures like Shivaji, Maharana Pratap, and Prithviraj Chauhan, who were already being celebrated by the BJP-RSS for their martial prowess. Do these celebrations have any precedence? Is there a conceptual lens, which can help us understand the sudden spurt in these celebrations? Do these celebrations have any socio-political relevance in contemporary India?

Historical precedence

A cursory glance at reality tells us that there are indeed socio-political groups associated with jatis. Communities like Nairs and Ezhavas in Kerala; Vainnyars and Thevars in Tamil Nadu; Gonds in Madhya Pradesh; Marathas in Maharashtra; Rajbanshi in West Bengal and Assam; Ahom in Assam; Kurmi/Patels, Yadavs, Jats, Kayastha, Rajbhars, and Pasis in North Indian States, among others, who have periodically reiterated through the media (and social media in recent times) their claims of having performed Kshatriya varna functions as militia and elite landholders in various regimes in the past.

There is a historical precedence to these claims. Akhil Bharatiya Kshatriya Mahasabha was established in 1897, at the initiation of Rajput leader Raja Balwant Singh Ji Avagarj in coordination with Thakur Umrao Singh Ji. Simultaneously, many other claimants, whom Rajput organisations as well the then British government did not recognise as Kshatriya, formed similar organisations. The formation of organisations such as the Akhil Gomantak Kshatriya Maratha Samaj (1940), Ahir Yadav Kshatriya Mahasabha (1910), All India Kurmi Kshatriya Mahasabha (1894), Vanniyakula Kshatriya Mahasabha (1888), Dushashan Bansiya Kshatriya Mahasabha during this period is also well known. MSS Pandian (2013) and A R Venkatachalapathy (2010) note that during the same period in present-day Tamil Nadu, Nadars and Vanniyar were in a bitter struggle to claim Kshatriya status. Thevars (Mukkulathor) in Tamil Nadu also frequently claimed Kshatriya status in petitions to the British administration and during post-independence social mobilisation.

Socio-psychological explanation

Dr. B.R Ambedkar, in his seminal work 'Castes in India', invoking the work of economist Walter Bagehot, and sociologist and psychologist Jean Tarde's laws of imitation, emphasised the role of "the infection of imitation" in the formation of many castes in India.

This is the bedrock on which sociologist M.N. Srinivas's concept of Sanskritization (1952) seems to rest. Srinivas suggested that apart from Brahminical model of Sanskritization, there could be Kshatriya or Vaishya or Shudra model of Sankritization as well. In fact, S.K. Srivastava in 1963, found that in rural Agra both underprivileged castes and Brahmins, especially when they became a land-owning class and zamindars, were "kshatriyaising" themselves "in order to acquire the status of landlord rather than of the Brahmin priest".

Hermann Kulke, an eminent German Indologist and historian, who worked extensively on Odisha's rich history, died recently on March 10, 2026. His work focused on state formation, kingship, and religious legitimation in early medieval India. Kulke's research has been particularly influential in the study of regional political structures in eastern India, especially Odisha. Kulke (1976), while recognising the Kshatriya model of Sanskritization, where other castes adopt Kshatriya rites and status symbols, distinguished it from Kshatriyaisation. According to Kulke, in a "functional sense", Kshatriyaization could be called social change "from above" which was initiated in tribal areas by the Kshatriyas, i.e., zamindars, chiefs or rajas to strengthen their claims to legitimacy in the society and to broaden the basis of their economic and political power. He went on to show that in 17th and 18th century Odisha, regional rulers "encouraged Kshatriyaisation "from above" by granting special rights and status symbols to" tribal chiefs. This "transmission of Kshatriya values, rites and status symbols" from above were complementary to Sanskritization "from below". He makes an important point that Kshatriyaisation "from above" whereby "the temples of the powerful tribal gods and goddesses regain their previous dominating positions" can be superficially seen as "a process of de-Sanskritization or even re-tribalisation", which may not be actually so. Thus, Kshatriyaisation was not merely a social process but also a political strategy of legitimation, allowing rulers of diverse origins to become integrated into the hierarchical order of caste and kingship. He presented these examples as evidence of the fact that a "changing India need not necessarily be a modern India".

Sociologist André Beteille (1991) also argues that modern caste hierarchy is shaped increasingly by power, class, and politics rather than ritual status alone. Similarly, French political scientist Christophe Jaffrelot (2003) shows that caste groups mobilise politically by constructing historical identities and claims to warrior or ruling status.

Contemporary socio-political relevance

The celebration of the Kshatriya identity by communities like Marathas, Jats, Yadavs, Thevars, and Nairs, actively promoted by the BJP-RSS, illustrates Kulke's concept of "Kshatriyaisation", where martial or landholding groups assert higher varna status to legitimise their social authority. Moreover, by linking historical warrior roles to contemporary Hindu nationalist narratives, these claims reinforce both caste pride and political allegiance, strengthening vote banks for the party. Significantly, this process demonstrates how the caste system persists and sustains. The ritual and historical hierarchies are continuously reinterpreted, codified, and mobilised to reproduce social stratification, even as communities seek upward mobility through Sanskritization or Kshatriyaisation. Thus, political appropriation of castes as historically warrior communities not only consolidates power but also perpetuates the structural inequalities entrenched in the caste framework. By linking historical warrior roles to Hindu nationalist narratives, these claims consolidate political support while reinforcing caste hierarchies. In summary, the RSS-BJP's use of Kshatriyaisation is a strategic reinterpretation of history to transform passive Hindu identity into an active, assertive, and political "warrior" identity, which they use to claim socio-political legitimacy for their "Hindu Rashtra" project.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

S. Upendran

What is the difference between "maintenance charges" and "maintainance charges'? (B. Sundari, Chennai)

The word "maintainance" does not exist. What you pay to the society for the upkeep of your building or apartment are "maintenance charges". The stress is on the first syllable "main". The "e" in the second syllable and the "a" in the third are pronounced like the "a" in "china.

What is the meaning and origin of the expression "to wear one's heart on one's sleeve"? (P. V. Satish, Chennai)

The heart, as everyone knows, is the seat of one's emotions. So, if you were to remove your heart and pin it on your sleeve, what would happen? People would be able to see for themselves what your feelings are. You would not be able to hide them. And that's what the expression "to wear one's heart on one's sleeve" means – to display your feelings for someone or something openly. Here are a few examples:

It's easy to hurt Neeraja's feelings because she wears her heart on her sleeve.

We didn't have to ask Rahul who he had a crush on. He was wearing his heart on his sleeve.

This expression has been part of the English language for several hundred years. In the old days, when knights went to war or fought each other, they invariably pinned some item belonging to their beloved on their sleeve – usually a handkerchief or a scarf.

What is "schizophrenia" and how is the word pronounced? (S. Mahesh, Chennai)

Let's deal with the pronunciation first. The first two syllables are pronounced like the words "skit" and "so". The third syllable sounds like "free", while the final "ia" is like the "ea" in words like "dear', "fear", and "hear". The main stress is on the third syllable "phre'.

Schizophrenia is a kind of mental illness, one in which a person has all kinds of delusions as a result of which he/she behaves strangely.

Several people in Rahul's family have schizophrenia.

There is a chapter in this book on schizophrenia.

What is the past tense of "strive"? (K. Rangaswami, Bangalore)

Most English dictionaries list the past tense as "strove'. The "o" sounds like the "o" in "cold", "gold", and "sold". When you strive to do something, you put in a lot of effort to do it.

Bala strove hard to complete his Ph.D. by June.

After the debacle, the leader strove hard to improve the party's image.

American dictionaries, on the other hand, list "strove" and "strived" as the past tense form. Many people contend that "strived" is not a part of standard English.

How do you reciprocate to "Glad to meet you"? (K. Benarjee, Pattancharu, Andhra Pradesh)

The standard response to this greeting is "Glad to meet you" and "Pleasure to meet you", with some people putting the stress on "you". Other possible responses are "Likewise", "Nice to meet you", "Happy to meet you', or 'My pleasure".

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Word of the day

Inconspicuous:
not prominent or readily noticeable

Synonym: invisible

Usage: *Security personnel remained inconspicuous during the event.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/7JBGzP/inconspicuous

International Phonetic alphabet: /ˌɪn.kənˈspɪk.juːəs/

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Sindhu Nagaraj

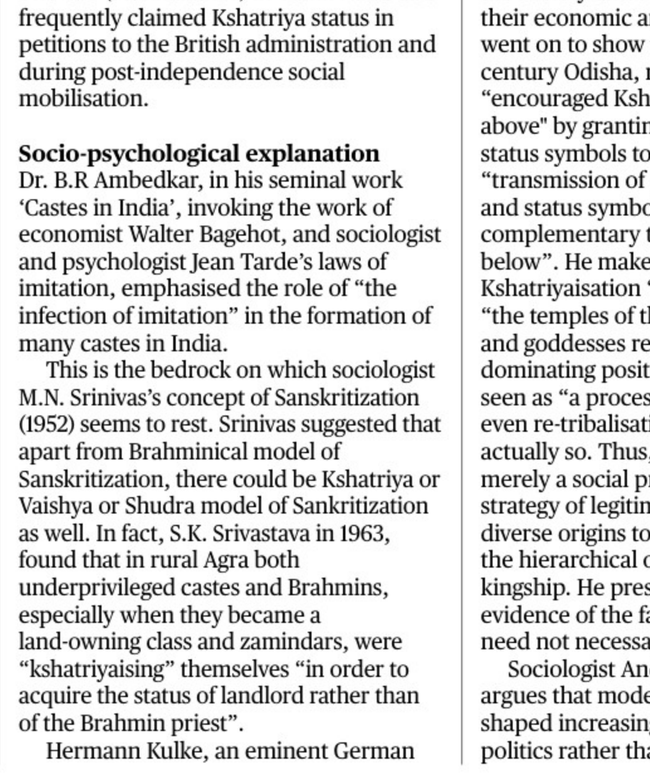
QUESTION 1
In which year was this event first held?

QUESTION 2
How is the person Julian Koenig associated with Earth Day?

QUESTION 3
The first Earth Day was focused on which country?

QUESTION 4
What is the Earth Day-themed single released in 1990?

QUESTION 5
Which was the unfortunate event that gave a push for the event to be observed?



Visual question: How is this logo related to Earth Day?
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Questions and answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. According to tradition, Rome was founded on this date. **Ans: April 21, 753 BC**
2. This legendary figure is credited with the founding of Rome. **Ans: Romulus**
3. This animal is said to have suckled Romulus and his twin brother Remus as infants. **Ans: she-wolf (lupa)**
4. This traditional Roman chronological term, meaning "from the founding of the City", originates from this date. **Ans: Ab urbe condita (AUC)**
5. The twins Romulus and Remus were mythically said to be descendants of this Trojan hero. **Ans: Aeneas**
Visual: The coin shown here was issued by the Roman usurper Pacatianus and bears the inscription "1001". The significance of this number in Roman chronology is ... **Ans: It marks the year 1001 Ab urbe condita, or 1001 years since the legendary founding of Rome**
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Move to 'merge' District Santwana Kendras with TSKs draws criticism

Of the 31 districts, the DSKs have already been shut down in seven districts, and no centre was opened in Yadgir district

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BENGALURU

The State government's decision to merge 23 District Santwana Kendras (DSK) with the Taluk Santwana Kendras (TSK) has drawn much ire, as activists argue that this will effectively mean the closure of all DSKs, functioning over the last 25 years. There have been multiple proposals to shut down the DSKs since the pandemic. Of the 31 districts, the DSKs have already been shut down in seven districts, and no centre was opened in Yadgir district. Now in a recent order, the government said that the DSKs in the remaining 23 districts would be merged with the TSKs and their functions transferred to the Sakhi Centres in the districts.

In a recent Assembly session, in response to a question raised by Legislative Council member Ramesh Babu, Women and Child Development Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar said, "There are currently 154 Taluk Santwana Kendras in the State. As per the instructions of the Finance Department, the 'One Stop Centers (Sakhi Kendras)' already functioning in the district centers will be given the responsibility of protecting women, and steps have been taken to convert the 23 existing DSK at the district level into TSKs." However, various organisations have strongly objected to this, arguing that this would effectively mean closure of these 23 DSKs. The Karnataka State Commission for Women has written a letter to the Chief Secretary, requesting that the DSKs not be closed.

There have been multiple proposals to shut down the DSKs since the pandemic. FILE PHOTO

25 years

With an aim to rehabilitate women in distress, the DSKs were started in 2000-01. They have been providing temporary shelter, counselling, education, legal and financial aid to thousands of women, who are victims of domestic and sexual violence. They also provide training to the victims to help them lead a dignified life in society, with the help of non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Building on their success, the State expanded the programme and introduced TSKs in 2007-08.

Multiple proposals

During the pandemic, the State government first proposed to shut down DSKs in 2020-21, citing a lack of funds. However, then Opposition leaders Siddaramaiah and H.D. Kumaraswamy had written to then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, urging him not to close the DSKs, following which the proposal was dropped. But the Finance Department again proposed to the government in 2024 to close all the DSKs by September, 2025. It was also proposed to transfer the responsibility of these Kendras to Sakhi Centers. Minister M.B. Patil and MLA Rudrappa Lamani wrote to the Chief Minister opposing this decision. Following this, Women and Child Development Lakshmi Hebbalakar and Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh held multiple meetings and decided to continue the DSKs.

However, the department only relaxed its recommendation to close the DSKs by only a year, with the conditions of not starting any new Santwana Kendras at the district level, delegating the responsibilities of the DSKs to Sakhi Centers and shifting the existing DSKs to TSKs. Accordingly, the Women and Child Development Department has issued an order to the effect on February 2, 2026, asking Deputy Commissioners to take action to shift the DSKs to TSKs.

Draws ire

Nagalakshmi Chowdhury, Chairperson, Karnataka State Commission for Women, in her letter to the Chief Secretary, said this decision would affect vulnerable women. "All women in trouble cannot go to police stations and courts," she said.

Writer and activist Roopa Hassan said, "Each DSK at least receives 50 cases every year. There is a difference between Sakhi Centres and DSKs. The DSKs are mediation centres. However, Sakhi Centres are to provide assistance to the victims under the POCSO Act and rape victims. Sakhi is a scheme of the Central government". A request would be made to the Chief Minister in this regard again, she added.

Parvathamma Rajkumar, a social worker at the DSK, Tumakuru, said the government was planning to close the DSKs after they requested more funds. "There are already Santwana Kendras in all taluks. So, where will the DSKs be shifted? It essentially means the DSKs will be shut down," she said, warning of a struggle across the State if the government persists with its decision.

Third conviction in Shivamogga ISIS terror conspiracy case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A special court of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in Bengaluru has convicted a third accused in the 2022 Shivamogga ISIS terror conspiracy case, sentencing him to six years of rigorous imprisonment (RI).

Larger conspiracy

The convicted accused, Arafath Ali, was found guilty of being part of a larger conspiracy linked to the banned terror outfit Islamic State.

The NIA special court had earlier, in November 2025, sentenced two other accused to six years RI in the same case.

According to the agency, Arafath had fled India in January 2020 to evade arrest in a separate terror module case. He was later arrested by NIA upon his arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport in September 2023.

The third accused in the 2022 Shivamogga ISIS terror conspiracy case has been sentenced to six years of rigorous imprisonment

Investigations allegedly revealed that Arafath was actively involved in propagating ISIS ideology and played a key role in radicalising and recruiting vulnerable youth into the Shivamogga-based terror module. He was also accused of instigating co-conspirators to inscribe inflammatory graffiti in Mangaluru in support of ISIS and other terror groups, including Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT).

Investigators further allegedly found that the accused was in contact with an online ISIS handler and acted as a funding conduit, allegedly receiving terror funds through cryptocurrency and distributing them among co-accused.

The case was initially registered by the Karnataka police in September 2022 before being taken over by the NIA.

While two suspects were first arrested by State police, the NIA later apprehended 10 more accused and filed charges against all 12 individuals.

With three convictions so far, the trial against the remaining nine accused is currently under way.

2 electrocuted

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BELAGAVI

Two workers hailing from Jharkhand were electrocuted in a stone quarry near Naviluteertha dam in Belagavi district on Tuesday.

Ravikumar Singh and Subhash Singh, both 18, were electrocuted when their earthmover came in contact with a live wire. Though they jumped into a nearby pond, they could not be saved.

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ಭೂ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್‌ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್‌ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ–2013ರ ಕಲಂ –11(1)ರ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

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ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಅಂದರೆ ವಸತಿ ಯೋಜನೆಗಾಗಿ ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕಸಬಾ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಮಾದಾಪುರ ಮತ್ತು ಕಿರಗಸೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಅನುಸೂಚಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಣಿಸಿರುವ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನತೆಯ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆಯೆಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಭಾವಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ಭೂ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್ ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ–2013 (2013 ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 30) ಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23.07.2019 ರಿಂದ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿರುವ ಭೂ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು ಪುನರ್ ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ) ಕಾಯ್ದೆ–2019 (2019 ರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 16) ರ ಕಲಂ–10(ಎ)ರಡಿ ಮೂಲ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಾಯ II & III ರಲ್ಲಿನ ಉಪಬಂಧಗಳನ್ನು ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ವಿನಾಯಿತಿ ನೀಡಿ **ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:– ಕಂಇ 02 ಎಕ್ಕೂಸಿಎಂ 2025 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.03.2026 ರಲ್ಲಿ** ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಈ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ **ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.03.2026** ರಂದು ಪ್ರಕಟವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ಭೂ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್ ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ–2013 (2013 ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 30)ರ ಕಲಂ 12 ರ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಪ್ರದತ್ತವಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಚಲಾಯಿಸುವಂತೆ ಗೃಹ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರಿಗೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಈ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ನೇಮಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಮೋಜಣಿದಾರರಿಗಾಗಲೀ ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುವವರಿಗಾಗಲೀ ಯಾರೂ ಅಡ್ಡಿ ಮಾಡಕೂಡದೆಂದು ಎಚ್ಚರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಭೂ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್ ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣದ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ–2013 (2013ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮದ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 30) ರ ಕಲಂ–11(1) ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಈ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಗೊಂಡ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಿರುವ ಭೂಮಿಯನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪಂದದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ವಿಕ್ರಯಿಸುವ ಬೋಗಕ್ಕೆ ಅಡವಿಡುವ, ಅನುಭವಿಸುವ, ಬದಲಾಯಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ಇನ್ನೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳದಂತೆ ನಿರ್ಭಂದಿಸಿದೆ. ಅಂತಹ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕ್ರಮ ಅಥವಾ ಇನ್ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಂಡಲ್ಲಿ ಅದನ್ನು ಐತೀರ್ಪು ರಚಿಸುವಾಗ ಗಣನೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳದೇ ಅಂತಿಮವಾಗಿ ಸದರಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯನ್ವಯ ಭೂ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದೆಂದು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಭೂ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು ಪುನರ್ ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ–2013 (2013 ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 30) ರ ಕಲಂ 15(1) ರ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪವಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಗೊಂಡ 60 ದಿನಗಳೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. ತದನಂತರ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾಗುವ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ ಮುನ್ಸೂಚನೆ ನೀಡದೇ ವಿಲೇಯಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಕಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಭೂ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಒಂದು ನಕ್ಷೆಯನ್ನು ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ–2, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗಾಗಿ ಇಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಅನುಸೂಚಿ

ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ : ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು: ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ಹೋಬಳಿ: ಕಸಬಾ ಗ್ರಾಮ: ಮಾದಾಪುರ

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ	ಪಹಣಿಯಂತೆ ಖಾತೆದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು		ಸರ್ವೆ/ಖಾತಾ ನಂಬರ್	ಸರ್ವೆ ಖಾತಾ ನಂಬರಿನಲ್ಲಿನ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಪಹಣಿ/ಉತ್ತಾರ ಅನ್ವಯ)		ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೊಳಪಡುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ		ತರಹೆ	ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ /ಸರಹದ್ದು				ಷರಾ
	ಭೂಮಾಲೀಕರು / ಹಿಡುವಳಿದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು	ಅನುಭವದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು		ಕೃಷಿ / ಕೃಷಿಯೇತರ ಜಮೀನು (ಎ–ಗುಂ)	ಖರಾಬು (ಎ–ಗುಂ)	ಕೃಷಿ / ಕೃಷಿಯೇತರ ಜಮೀನು (ಎ–ಗುಂ)	ಖರಾಬು (ಎ–ಗುಂ)		ಪೂರ್ವ	ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ	ಉತ್ತರ	ದಕ್ಷಿಣ	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	ಎಂ ಮಹದೇವಪ್ಪ	ಎಂ ಮಹದೇವಪ್ಪ ಪಾಪಣ್ಣ ಉ ಸಾಮುವೇಲ್	203/1	2–10	0–09	2–10	0–09	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 211/4, 198/2	ಸ ನಂ 204/2, 3	ಸ ನಂ 205/3	ಸ ನಂ 203/2ಬಿ	
2	ನಜೀರ್ ಖಾನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಹಮೀದ್ ಖಾನ್	ನಜೀರ್ ಖಾನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಹಮೀದ್ ಖಾನ್	204/1	1–21.08	0–5.08	1–21.08	0–5.08	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 204/3	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ & ಸ ನಂ 204/2	
3	ನಜೀರ್ ಖಾನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಹಮೀದ್ ಖಾನ್	ನಜೀರ್ ಖಾನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಹಮೀದ್ ಖಾನ್	204/3	1–21.08	0–3.08	1–21.08	0–3.08	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 203/1, 205/2, 3,4	ಸ ನಂ 204/1	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ & ಸ ನಂ 204/2	
4	ಹನುಮಶೆಟ್ಟಿ ಬಿನ್ ದಾಸಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	ಹನುಮಶೆಟ್ಟಿ ಬಿನ್ ದಾಸಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	205/1	1–04	0–00	1–04	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 206/2, 1ಎ2	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 205/2	
5	ಶಿವಣ್ಣೆಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಕುನ್ನೇಗೌಡ	ಶಿವಣ್ಣೆಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಕುನ್ನೇಗೌಡ	205/2	0–24.08	0–00	0–24.08	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 206/1ಎ2	ಸ ನಂ 204/3 ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 205/1	ಸ ನಂ 205/4	
6	ಕಾರ್ತಿಕ್ ಜಿ ಬಿನ್ ಗುರುಸ್ವಾಮಿ	ಕಾರ್ತಿಕ್ ಜಿ ಬಿನ್ ಗುರುಸ್ವಾಮಿ	205/3	2–07	0–00	2–07	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 211/1ಎ,1ಬಿ,3	ಸ ನಂ 204/3	ಸ ನಂ 205/4, 206/1ಎ1	ಬಂಡಿ ದಾರಿ & ಸ ನಂ 203/1	
7	ಹರ್ಷಿತ ಎನ್ ಬಿನ್ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಕೆ	ಹರ್ಷಿತ ಎನ್ ಬಿನ್ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಕೆ	205/4	0–24.08	0–00	0–24.08	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 206/1ಎ1,1ಎ2	ಸ ನಂ 204/3	ಸ ನಂ 205/2	ಸ ನಂ 205/3	
8	ಸೋಮಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಕುನ್ನೇಗೌಡ ಉ ಮೈಸೂರು ಕುನ್ನೇಗೌಡ	ಸೋಮಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಕುನ್ನೇಗೌಡ ಉ ಮೈಸೂರು ಕುನ್ನೇಗೌಡ	206/1ಎ1	0–38	0–00	0–38	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 210/5	ಸ ನಂ 205/4	ಸ ನಂ 206/1ಎ2	ಸ ನಂ 211/1ಎ 205/3	
9	ಲಲಿತ ಕೋಂ ಗುರುಸ್ವಾಮಿ	ಲಲಿತ ಕೋಂ ಗುರುಸ್ವಾಮಿ	206/1ಎ2	2–02	0–00	2–02	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 209/4ಎ, 4ಬಿ 210/5	ಸ ನಂ 205/1, 2, 205/4	ಸ ನಂ 206/1ಬಿ, 2, 3, 4	ಸ ನಂ 206/1ಎ1	
10	ಸಿದ್ದೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಪುಟ್ಟೇಗೌಡ	ಸಿದ್ದೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಪುಟ್ಟೇಗೌಡ ಮಹದೇವಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಸುಬ್ಬಪ್ಪ ಸಾಕಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಪುಟ್ಟೇಗೌಡ ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ	206/1ಬಿ	1–15	0–00	1–15	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 207/3,5 & 209/4ಬಿ,4ಸಿ	ಸ ನಂ 206/4 & ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 207/5 & ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 206/1ಎ2	
11	ಪಚ್ಚಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಮಹದೇವೇಗೌಡ	ಪಚ್ಚಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಮಹದೇವೇಗೌಡ	206/2	0–08	0–00	0–08	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 206/3	ಸ ನಂ 205/1	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 206/1ಎ2	
12	ತಾಯಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಪುಟ್ಟೇಗೌಡ	ತಾಯಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಪುಟ್ಟೇಗೌಡ	206/3	0–08	0–00	0–08	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 206/4	ಸ ನಂ 206/2	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 206/1ಎ2	
13	ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಬಿನ್ ಶಿವಣ್ಣ	ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಬಿನ್ ಶಿವಣ್ಣ	206/4	0–09	0–00	0–09	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 206/1ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 206/3	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 206/1ಎ2	
14	ವಜ್ರಮ್ಮಣ್ಣಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಪರಮೇಶ್ವರಪ್ಪ	ವಜ್ರಮ್ಮಣ್ಣಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಪರಮೇಶ್ವರಪ್ಪ	207/1	1–30.08	0–00	1–30.08	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 208/2	ಸ ನಂ 207/4, 6	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 207/2, 208/1	
15	ಕೆ ಸಾಕಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಕೆ ಕಾಮೇಶ್	ಕೆ ಸಾಕಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಕೆ ಕಾಮೇಶ್	207/2	1–07	0–00	1–07	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 208/1	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 207/1,6	ಸ ನಂ 207/7, 8	
16	ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಕಂಬಯ್ಯ	ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಕಂಬಯ್ಯ	207/3	0–33	0–00	0–33	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 208/1	ಸ ನಂ 206/1ಬಿ, ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 207/7, 8	ಸ ನಂ 207/5	
17	ಸಿದ್ದರಾಜಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಸಿದ್ದೇಗೌಡ	ಸಿದ್ದರಾಜಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಸಿದ್ದೇಗೌಡ	207/4	1–0.08	0–00	1–0.08	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 207/1	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 207/6	
18	ರಾಚಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	ರಾಚಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	207/5	0–33	0–00	0–33	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 208/1, 209/4ಸಿ	ಸ ನಂ 206/1ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 207/3	ಸ ನಂ 206/1ಬಿ & 209/4ಸಿ	
19	ಡಾ ಡಿ ಗಿರಿಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ದಾಸೇಗೌಡ	ಡಾ ಡಿ ಗಿರಿಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ದಾಸೇಗೌಡ	207/6	0–30	0–00	0–30	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 207/1	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 207/4	ಸ ನಂ 207/2	
20	ಕೆ ಸಾಕಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಕೆ ಕಾಮೇಶ್	ಕೆ ಸಾಕಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಕೆ ಕಾಮೇಶ್	207/7	0–10	0–00	0–10	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 207/8	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 207/2	ಸ ನಂ 207 /3	
21	ಕೆ ಸಾಕಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಕೆ ಕಾಮೇಶ್	ಕೆ ಸಾಕಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಕೆ ಕಾಮೇಶ್	207/8	0–10	0–00	0–10	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 208/1	ಸ ನಂ 207/7	ಸ ನಂ 207/2	ಸ ನಂ 207/3	
22	ಬಿ ಸುವರ್ಣ ಕೋಂ ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ	ಬಿ ಸುವರ್ಣ ಕೋಂ ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ	208/1	1–12.08	0–01	1–12.08	0–01	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 208/3	ಸ ನಂ 207/2, 3, 5, 8	ಸ ನಂ 208/2, 207/1	ಸ ನಂ 209/1,4ಸಿ	
23	ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಕಂಬಯ್ಯ	ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಕಂಬಯ್ಯ	208/2	2–26	0–00	2–26	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 217/1ಎ, 1ಬಿ3	ಸ ನಂ 207/1, ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 208/1,3	
24	ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಕಂಬಯ್ಯ	ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಕಂಬಯ್ಯ	208/3	1–12.08	0–01	1–12.08	0–01	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 216/2,3, & 217/2,3	ಸ ನಂ 208/1	ಸ ನಂ 208/2	ಸ ನಂ 209/1	
25	ಮಾದೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಬಸವೇಗೌಡ	ಮಾದೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಬಸವೇಗೌಡ	209/1	0–32	0–00	0–32	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 216/2	ಸ ನಂ 209/4ಸಿ	ಸ ನಂ 208/1,3	ಸ ನಂ 209/5	
26	ಮಂಜುಳ ಕೋಂ ಎಂ ಮಹದೇವಮ್ಮ ಚಿಕ್ಕತಾಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಶಿವಸ್ವಾಮಿ (ಜಂಟಿ)	ಮಂಜುಳ ಕೋಂ ಎಂ ಮಹದೇವಮ್ಮ ಚಿಕ್ಕತಾಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಶಿವಸ್ವಾಮಿ	209/2	0–22	0–00	0–22	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 210/1	ಸ ನಂ 209/4ಬಿ, 4ಸಿ	ಸ ನಂ 209/5	ಸ ನಂ 209/3	
27	ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಕಂಬಯ್ಯ	ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಕಂಬಯ್ಯ	209/3	01–08	0–00	01–08	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 210/1, 2	ಸ ನಂ 209/4ಎ, 4ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 209/2	ಸ ನಂ 210/3,5	
28	ಬಸವಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಕುನ್ನೇಗೌಡ	ಬಸವಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಕುನ್ನೇಗೌಡ ಬಸವಣ್ಣೇಗೌಡ	209/4ಎ	0–32	0–00	0–32	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 209/3	ಸ ನಂ 206/1ಎ2	ಸ ನಂ 209/4ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 210/5	
29	ದೊಳ್ಳೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಕುನ್ನೇಗೌಡ ಬಸವೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಕುನ್ನೇಗೌಡ	ದೊಳ್ಳೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಕುನ್ನೇಗೌಡ ಬಸವೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಕುನ್ನೇಗೌಡ	209/4ಬಿ	0–28	0–00	0–28	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 209/2, 3	ಸ ನಂ 206/1ಎ2, 1ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 209/4ಸಿ	ಸ ನಂ 209/4ಎ	
30	ರಾಜೇಗೌಡ

‘DGP to probe harassment allegations of SP regarding Mangaluru police chief’

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Home Minister G. Parameshwara said he has directed the Director General of Police (DGP) of Karnataka to submit a detailed report on allegations of harassment made by an inspector of Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement (DCRE), and a separate letter written by a Superintendent of Police against the Mangaluru City Police Commissioner.

Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru on April 21, Dr. Parameshwara said he had taken note of media reports regarding the issue. The DCRE Inspector, identified as Srinivas, has levelled serious allegations while SP Kashinath has written to the DGP highlighting his concerns.

On reports of Muslim leaders writing to the party high command, the Minister said the issue would be examined. “The party leadership, including the president and the Chief Minister, will address the issue,” he said.

A view of Karnataka’s coastline.
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Initiative launched for waste management along State’s coastline

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Karnataka Zero Waste Initiative, a multi-year programme focused on building structured, community-led waste management systems across the State’s 320-km-long coastline, was launched ahead of Earth Day by realty players Sattva Group and Knowledge Realty Trust, and the packaging sustainability and compliance company rePurpose Global.

Spanning three years, the initiative aims to address the challenge of plastic waste along Karnataka’s coastline, where plastic accounts for 60% of the coastal litter. According to the firms, the programme is designed to put in place waste management systems that are locally run, financially viable, and capable of delivering consistent and measurable results.

The initiative will connect over 80,000 households to formal waste management systems and integrate 50 coastal villages into formal waste management systems, improving waste handling at the source.

According to a statement from the firms, the initiative will support 200 waste workers through stable livelihoods, skill development, and safer working conditions. It is also expected to enable the recovery and responsible processing of approximately 4.5 million kg of waste, improving coastal conditions and reducing waste leakage into marine ecosystems.

While rePurpose Global will lead the on-ground implementation, the Centre for Applied Research and People’s Engagement will be the designated non-profit recipient of programme funds.

38	ಮರಿಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಾಮೇಗೌಡ	ಮರಿಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಾಮೇಗೌಡ	211/1ಬಿ	0–18	0–00	0–18	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 210/5, 211/2	ಸ ನಂ 205/3	ಸ ನಂ 211/1ಎ	ಸ ನಂ 211/3	
39	ಜಾನ್ ಮತ್ತಾಯ ಬಿನ್ ಪಾಪಯ್ಯ ಉ ಸಾಮುವೇಲ್	ಜಾನ್ ಮತ್ತಾಯ ಬಿನ್ ಪಾಪಯ್ಯ ಉ ಸಾಮುವೇಲ್	211/2	0–24	0–00	0–24	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 213/2ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 211/1ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 210/5	ಸ ನಂ 211/3	
40	ಗುರುಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ದೊಡ್ಡ ಬಸವೇಗೌಡ ಉ ಬಸವೇಗೌಡ ಕಾವ್ಯ ಕೋಂ ಗುರುಸ್ವಾಮಿ (ಜಂಟಿ)	ಗುರುಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಬಸವೇಗೌಡ ಉ ಬಸವೇಗೌಡ ಕಾವ್ಯ ಕೋಂ ಗುರುಸ್ವಾಮಿ	211/3	0–38	0–00	0–38	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 213/2ಬಿ, 3	ಸ ನಂ 205/3 & ಬಂಡಿದಾರಿ	ಸ ನಂ 211/1ಬಿ, 2	ಸ ನಂ 211/4	
41	ಗುರುಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ದೊಳ್ಳೇಗೌಡ	ಗುರುಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ದೊಳ್ಳೇಗೌಡ	211/4	1–09	0–00	1–09	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 212, 213/3	ಸ ನಂ 203/1 & ಬಂಡಿದಾರಿ	ಸ ನಂ 211/3	ಸ ನಂ 212, 211/4 & ರಸ್ತೆ	
42	ಚಂದ್ರು ಎಂ ಎಸ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ	ಚಂದ್ರು ಎಂ ಎಸ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ	213/1	0–18	0–00	0–18	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 213 /4	ಸ ನಂ 210/4	ಸ ನಂ 210/3 & 215/6,9	ಸ ನಂ 213 /2ಬಿ	
43	ಚಂದ್ರು ಎಂ ಎಸ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಉಷಾ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದರಾಜು ಸಿದ್ದಮುತ್ತು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದರಾಜು ರಘುಪತಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದರಾಜು ಮಮತಾ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದರಾಜು	ಚಂದ್ರು ಎಂ ಎಸ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಉಷಾ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದರಾಜು ಸಿದ್ದಮುತ್ತು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದರಾಜು ರಘುಪತಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದರಾಜು ಮಮತಾ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದರಾಜು	213/2	2–25	–	2–25	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 213 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ	ಸ ನಂ 213 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ	ಸ ನಂ 213 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ	ರಸ್ತೆ	
44	ಗುರುಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ	ಗುರುಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ	213/2A	0–25		0–25		ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 214	ಸ ನಂ 213 /5	ಸ ನಂ 213 /4	ಸ ನಂ 213 /3	
45	ಚಂದ್ರು ಎಂ ಎಸ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ	ಚಂದ್ರು ಎಂ ಎಸ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಗುರುಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ	213/2B	1–09	–	1–09		ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 213 /5	ಸ ನಂ 211/2, 3	ಸ ನಂ 213 /1, 4	ಸ ನಂ 213 /3	
46	ಗುರುಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ	ಗುರುಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ	213/4	0–30	–	0–30	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 214	ಸ ನಂ 213 /1	ಸ ನಂ 215/6, 9	ಸ ನಂ 213 /2ಎ, 5	
47	ಗುರುಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ	ಗುರುಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ	213/5	0–05	–	0–05	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 213 /2ಎ	ಸ ನಂ 213 /2ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 213 /4	ಸ ನಂ 213/3	
48	ಗುರುಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ	ಗುರುಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ	213/6	1–01	–	1–01	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 214	ಸ ನಂ 213 /3	ಸ ನಂ 213 /2ಎ	ರಸ್ತೆ	
49	ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಕಂಬಯ್ಯ	ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಕಂಬಯ್ಯ	215/2	0–19.08	0–01	0–18	0–01	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 216/1	ಸ ನಂ 215/1, 14	ಸ ನಂ 215/7, 15	
50	ರಾಜೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಮಾಲೂರೇಗೌಡ	ರಾಜೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಮಾಲೂರೇಗೌಡ	215/3A	0–24	–	0–23	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 210/1	ಸ ನಂ 215/8, 13 216/1	ಸ ನಂ 215/10	
51	ಚಂದ್ರ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನಾಗರಾಜು	ಚಂದ್ರ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನಾಗರಾಜು	215/3B	0–06	–	0–05	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 210/1	ಸ ನಂ 215/12	ಸ ನಂ 215/4ಬಿ	
52	ಶಿವನಂಜಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಮಹದೇವಪ್ಪ	ಶಿವನಂಜಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಮಹದೇವಪ್ಪ	215/4A	0–19	–	0–18	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 210/2	ಸ ನಂ 215/4ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 215/5	
53	ಚಂದ್ರ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನಾಗರಾಜು	ಚಂದ್ರ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನಾಗರಾಜು	215/4B	0–18	–	0–17.04	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 210/1,2	ಸ ನಂ 215/3ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 215/4ಎ	
54	ಶಿವನಂಜಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಮಹದೇವಪ್ಪ	ಶಿವನಂಜಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಮಹದೇವಪ್ಪ	215/5	0–28	–	0–26.08	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 210/2,3	ಸ ನಂ 215/4ಎ	ಸ ನಂ 215/6, 9	
55	ಗುರುಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ	ಗುರುಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ	215/6	0–03	–	0–03	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 215/9	ಸ ನಂ 210/3	ಸ ನಂ 215/5	ಸ ನಂ 213/1	
56	ಶಿವನಂಜಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಮಹದೇವಪ್ಪ	ಶಿವನಂಜಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಮಹದೇವಪ್ಪ	215/9	0–30	–	0–30	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 215/6	ಸ ನಂ 215/5	ಸ ನಂ 213/1, 214/6	
57	ಕೆಂಜಡೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಮಾಲೂರೇಗೌಡ	ಕೆಂಜಡೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಮಾಲೂರೇಗೌಡ	215/10	0–03	–	0–03	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 210/1	ಸ ನಂ 215/3ಎ	ಸ ನಂ 215/11	
58	ಕೆಂಜಡೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಮಾಲೂರೇಗೌಡ	ಕೆಂಜಡೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಮಾಲೂರೇಗೌಡ	215/11	0–10	–	0–10	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 210/1	ಸ ನಂ 215/10	ಸ ನಂ 215/12	
59	ಚಂದ್ರ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನಾಗರಾಜು	ಚಂದ್ರ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನಾಗರಾಜು	215/12	0–11	–	0–11	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 210/1	ಸ ನಂ 215/11	ಸ ನಂ 215/3ಬಿ	
60	ಪಿ ರಾಜಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಪುಟ್ಟಬುದ್ಧಿ	ಪಿ ರಾಜಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಪುಟ್ಟಬುದ್ಧಿ	215/13	0–09	0–02	0–09	0–02	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 215/8	ಸ ನಂ 216/1	ಸ ನಂ 215/15	ಸ ನಂ 215/3ಎ	
61	ಬಸವರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಬಸವೇಗೌಡ	ಬಸವರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಬಸವೇಗೌಡ	215/14	0–34.12		0–34.12		ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 215/1	ಸ ನಂ 216/1	ಸ ನಂ 218/2 &219/2	ಸ ನಂ 215/2	
62	ಕೆ ನೀಲಾಂಬಿಕ ಕೋಂ ಹೆಚ್ ಆರ್ ರೇಚಣ್ಣ	ಕೆ ನೀಲಾಂಬಿಕ ಕೋಂ ಹೆಚ್ ಆರ್ ರೇಚಣ್ಣ	215/15	0–09		0–09		ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 215/7	ಸ ನಂ 216/1	ಸ ನಂ 215/2	ಸ ನಂ 215/13	
63	ಕೆ ಸಾಕಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಕೆ ಕಾಮೇಶ್	ಕೆ ಸಾಕಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಕೆ ಕಾಮೇಶ್	216/1	0–26	–	0–26	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 215/1	ಸ ನಂ 216/2,3	ಸ ನಂ 218/2	ಸ ನಂ 216/5	
64	ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಕಂಬಯ್ಯ	ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಕಂಬಯ್ಯ	216/2	0–27	0–00.08	0–27	0–00.08	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 216/1, 5	ಸ ನಂ 208/3 & 209/1	ಸ ನಂ 216/3	ಸ ನಂ 216/4	
65	ಸುವರ್ಣ ಬಿ ಕೋಂ ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ	ಸುವರ್ಣ ಬಿ ಕೋಂ ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ	216/3	0–27	–	0–27	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 216/1	ಸ ನಂ 208/3	ಸ ನಂ 217/2, 218/2	ಸ ನಂ 216/2	
66	ಶೇಖರ ಎ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಅಂಕಯ್ಯ ಸೋಮಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ದೊಡ್ಡಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಮಹದೇವಯ್ಯ ಎನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನಂಜಯ್ಯ ಶಿವಾಜಿ ಎನ್ ಬಿನ್ ನಂಜಯ್ಯ ಆರ್ ನಂಜುಂಡಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ರಾಮಯ್ಯ	ಶೇಖರ ಎ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಅಂಕಯ್ಯ ಸೋಮಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ದೊಡ್ಡಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಮಹದೇವಯ್ಯ ಎನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನಂಜಯ್ಯ ಶಿವಾಜಿ ಎನ್ ಬಿನ್ ನಂಜಯ್ಯ ಆರ್ ನಂಜುಂಡಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ರಾಮಯ್ಯ	216/4	0–27	0–02.08	0–27	0–02.08	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 216/5	ಸ ನಂ 209/1, 5	ಸ ನಂ 216/2	ಸ ನಂ 210/1	
67	ಚಂದ್ರ ಬಿನ್ ನಾಗರಾಜು	ಚಂದ್ರ ಬಿನ್ ನಾಗರಾಜು	216/5	0–29	0–01	0–29	0–01	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 215/2, 7, 8	ಸ ನಂ 216/2, 4	ಸ ನಂ 216/1	ಸ ನಂ 215/3ಎ	
68	ಹರ್ಷಿತ ಎನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ	ಹರ್ಷಿತ ಎನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ	217/1A	1–04	–	1–04	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 218/2,3	ಸ ನಂ 208/2	ಸ ನಂ 217/1ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 217/3	
69	ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಕಂಬಯ್ಯ	ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಕಂಬಯ್ಯ	217/1B	1–05	–	1–05	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 218/1	ಸ ನಂ 208/2	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 217/1ಎ	
70	ಹರ್ಷಿತ ಎನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ	ಹರ್ಷಿತ ಎನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ದೊಡ್ಡನಂಜೇಗೌಡ – ಸಿದ್ದೇಗೌಡ	217/2	0–27	–	0–27	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 218/2	ಸ ನಂ 208/3	ಸ ನಂ 217/3	ಸ ನಂ 216/3	
71	ಬಿ ಸುವರ್ಣ ಕೋಂ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ	ಬಿ ಸುವರ್ಣ ಕೋಂ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ	217/3	1–04	–	1–04	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 218/2	ಸ ನಂ 208/2,3'	ಸ ನಂ 217/1ಎ	ಸ ನಂ 217/2	
72	ರವಿಚಂದ್ರ ಬಿನ್ ನಂಜಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	ರವಿಚಂದ್ರ ಬಿನ್ ನಂಜಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	218/1	1–4.08	–	1–4.08	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 219/1	ಸ ನಂ 217/1ಬಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 218/3,4	
73	ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಕಂಬಯ್ಯ	ಕೆ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಕಂಬಯ್ಯ	218/2	2–08	–	2–08	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 219/2	ಸ ನಂ 217/1ಎ, 2, 3	ಸ ನಂ 218/3, 5	ಸ ನಂ 216/1, 215/1	
74	ಸಿದ್ದರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಮಹದೇವಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	ಸಿದ್ದರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಮಹದೇವಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	218/3	0–09.08	–	0–09.08	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 218/4	ಸ ನಂ 217/1ಎ,1ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 218/1	ಸ ನಂ 218/2, 5	
75	ಎಂ ಮಹದೇವಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಮಹದೇವಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	ಎಂ ಮಹದೇವಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಮಹದೇವಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	218/4	0–05	–	0–05	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 219/3	ಸ ನಂ 218/3	ಸ ನಂ 218/1	ಸ ನಂ 218/5	
76	ಗಿರಿಜಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ರಾಜು ವಿ	ಗಿರಿಜಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ರಾಜು ವಿ	218/5	0–30	–	0–30	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 219/2, 4	ಸ ನಂ 218/3	ಸ ನಂ 218/3	ಸ ನಂ 218/2	
77	ರವಿಚಂದ್ರ ಬಿನ್ ನಂಜಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	ರವಿಚಂದ್ರ ಬಿನ್ ನಂಜಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	219/1	0–30.08	0–01	0–28.08	0–01	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 218/1	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 219/3	
78	ಭ್ರಮರಾಂಭಿಕ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ನಾಗರಾಜಪ್ಪ ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನಾಗರಾಜಪ್ಪ ಎನ್ ಯಶೋಧ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನಾಗರಾಜಪ್ಪ ಮಂಜುನಾಥ ಎಂ ಎನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನಾಗರಾಜಪ್ಪ ಎಂ ಎನ್ ಮಹೇಶ್ವರಿ ಬಿನ್ ನಾಗರಾಜಪ್ಪ	ಭ್ರಮರಾಂಭಿಕ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ನಾಗರಾಜಪ್ಪ ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನಾಗರಾಜಪ್ಪ ಎನ್ ಯಶೋಧ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನಾಗರಾಜಪ್ಪ ಮಂಜುನಾಥ ಎಂ ಎನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನಾಗರಾಜಪ್ಪ ಎಂ ಎನ್ ಮಹೇಶ್ವರಿ ಬಿನ್ ನಾಗರಾಜಪ್ಪ	219/2	1–18	–	1–12.12	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 218/2,3	ಸ ನಂ 219/4	ಸ ನಂ 215/1	
79	ಎಂ ಮಹದೇವಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಮಹದೇವಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	ಎಂ ಮಹದೇವಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಮಹದೇವಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	219/3	0–27	–	0–25	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 218/1,4	ಸ ನಂ 219/1	ಸ ನಂ 219/4	
80	ಸುಶೀಲ ಕೋಂ ಸಿದ್ದರಾಜು ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	ಸುಶೀಲ ಕೋಂ ಸಿದ್ದರಾಜು ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	219/4	0–03.08	–	0–03.08	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 218/5	ಸ ನಂ 219/3	ಸ ನಂ 219/2	
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ಕ್ರ ಸಂ	ಪಹಣಿಯಂತೆ ಖಾತೆದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು		ಸರ್ವೆ/ಖಾತಾ ನಂಬರ್	ಸರ್ವೆ ಖಾತಾ ನಂಬರಿನಲ್ಲಿನ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಪಹಣಿ/ಉತ್ತಾರ ಅನ್ವಯ)		ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೊಳಪಡುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ		ತರಹೆ	ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ /ಸರಹದ್ದು				ಪರಾ
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	ಸಂಕೇತ್.ಎ ಬಿನ್ ಅಶೋಕ ರಾಜ್ ಜೈನ್	ಚಿಕ್ಕಸಣ್ಣಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಕೆವಡಮಾದಯ್ಯ, ಮಹದೇವ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಣ್ಣಯ್ಯ, ನಾಗಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಣ್ಣಯ್ಯ, ಸಂಕೇತ್.ಎ ಬಿನ್ ಅಶೋಕ ರಾಜ್ ಜೈನ್, ಚಿಕ್ಕಸಣ್ಣಯ್ಯ	31/2	0–05	–	0–05	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 119/4	ಸ ನಂ 31/3	ಸ ನಂ 31/1	ಸ ನಂ 31/6 ಎ	
2	ಸಂಕೇತ್.ಎ ಬಿನ್ ಅಶೋಕ ರಾಜ್ ಜೈನ್	ಚಿಕ್ಕಸಣ್ಣಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಕೆವಡಮಾದಯ್ಯ, ಮಹದೇವ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಣ್ಣಯ್ಯ, ನಾಗಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಣ್ಣಯ್ಯ, ಸಂಕೇತ್.ಎ ಬಿನ್ ಅಶೋಕ ರಾಜ್ ಜೈನ್, ಚಿಕ್ಕಸಣ್ಣಯ್ಯ	31/3	0–13	–	0–13	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 31/2	ಸ ನಂ 31/4	ಸ ನಂ 31/1	ಸ ನಂ 31/6ಎ, 6ಬಿ	
3	ಬಸವ ಬಿನ್ ಬಸವ	ಬಸವ ಬಿನ್ ಬಸವ	31/4	0–13	–	0–13	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 31/3	ಸ ನಂ 31/5	ಸ ನಂ 31/1,7	ಸ ನಂ 31/6ಬಿ	

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US insurance firm The Standard opens GCC in Bengaluru

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The Standard, a US-based insurance, retirement and investment products provider, opened its global capability centre (GCC) at Embassy Tech Village in Devarabisanahalli in the outskirts of Bengaluru on Tuesday.

This 60,000-sq. ft. facility will employ 175 technology professionals to develop technologies and platforms for a range of voluntary benefits products, aimed at supporting The Standard's 20 million customers throughout the United States.

Greg Chandler, executive vice president, Information Technology at The Standard, told *The Hindu* that these 175 people were employed by the company as part of its acquisition of Illinois-based insurance provider Allstate's Employer Voluntary Benefits Business in April 2025 for $2 billion.

Mr. Chandler said, "We will hire another 250 people for technology alone in the next 18 months. People will come with skill sets around data analytics, artificial intelligence, and customer experience, comprising user interface and user experience."

The Standard also intends to grow its India GCC by introducing a new range of services, including actuarial, underwriting, investment, finance, and other fields that will necessitate a diverse set of skills. It would also assist The Standard, a 120-year-old company having legacy systems in Cloud migration, AI-driven data analytics, modernisation, reimagining of processes, empathy rendering, creating personas etc to enhance customer satisfaction.

"We are in India not for cost arbitrage, but truly for quality talent. India has a large volume of data analysts and AI professionals, and India allows us to scale. India supports us in engineering, data, AI and insurance operations," Mr. Chandler added.

He further said the company's operations in India would play an increasingly important role in its technology transformation. "The launch of The Standard India strengthens our ability to fuel ongoing growth, innovate, scale technology capabilities, accelerate digital transformation and offer new solutions to our customers faster."

C. Manjula FILE PHOTO

BJP to take out 'Akrosha Yatra' in district centres on April 25

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Opposition BJP has decided to take out 'Akrosha Yatras' in all the district centres in the State on April 25 to register its anguish against the alleged anti-women stand of the Congress and the INDIA bloc for voting against the women's reservation Bill in the Lok Sabha.

Announcing this at a press conference in Bengaluru on Tuesday, BJP Women's Wing president C. Manjula said the party would also launch protests in all the Assembly constituencies from April 27.

Union Ministers from Karnataka and party MPs have started visiting divisional headquarters of the State from Tuesday to create awareness against the alleged anti-women stand, she said.

4	ಬಸವಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಶಿವಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಮಹದೇವಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಶಿವಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಸಾಕಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಮರಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಂಗಯ್ಯ	ಬಸವಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಶಿವಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಮಹದೇವಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಶಿವಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಸಾಕಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಮರಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಂಗಯ್ಯ	31/5	0–14	–	0–14	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 31/4	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 31/7	ಸ ನಂ 31/6ಬಿ	
5	ಸುಂದರಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಗುರುಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ	ಸುಂದರಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಗುರುಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ	31/6A	0–17	–	0–17	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 119/5	ಸ ನಂ 31/6ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 31/2,3	ಸ ನಂ 120/1ಎ, 1ಬಿ	
6	ಸುಂದರಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಗುರುಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ	ಸುಂದರಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಗುರುಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ	31/6B	1–23	–	1–23	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 31/6ಎ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 31/3,4,5	ಸ ನಂ 120/1ಎ	
7	ಪುಟ್ಟಸುಬ್ಬಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಬಸಪ್ಪ	ಪುಟ್ಟಸುಬ್ಬಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಬಸಪ್ಪ	34/1	0–21	–	0–21	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 114/1	ಸ ನಂ 34/2ಬಿ	ಹಳ್ಳ	ಸ ನಂ 34/2ಎ	
8	ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ	ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ	34/2A	0–14	–	0–14	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 114/1, 115/2	ಸ ನಂ 27/1ಎ2, 1ಎ3	ಸ ನಂ 34/1,2ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 34/3,4	
9	ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ	ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ	34/2B	0–23	–	0–23	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 34/1	ಸ ನಂ 27/1ಎ2	ಹಳ್ಳ	ಸ ನಂ 34/2ಎ	
10	ಮಹದೇವಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ	ಮಹದೇವಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ	34/3	0–22	–	0–22	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 115/2,3	ಸ ನಂ 34/4	ಸ ನಂ 34/2ಎ	ಸ ನಂ 34/5	
11	ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ	ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ	34/4	0–22	–	0–22	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 34/3	ಸ ನಂ 27/1ಎ3,2ಎ	ಸ ನಂ 34/2ಎ	ಸ ನಂ 34/5	
12	ಸಂಕೇತ್.ಎ ಬಿನ್ ಅಶೋಕ ರಾಜ್ ಜೈನ್	ಸಂಕೇತ್.ಎ ಬಿನ್ ಅಶೋಕ ರಾಜ್ ಜೈನ್, ಉಮಾಪತಿ	34/5	1–19	–	1–19	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 115/3,4	ಸ ನಂ 27/2ಎ & 33/1,2	ಸ ನಂ 34/3,4	ಸ ನಂ 34/6ಎ	
13	ಪುಟ್ಟಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕನಂಜೇಗೌಡ	ಪುಟ್ಟಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕನಂಜೇಗೌಡ, ಮಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ, ರಾಜಮ್ಮ	34/6A	1–16	–	1–16	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 117/2ಎ	ಸ ನಂ 34/6ಬಿ, 33/2	ಸ ನಂ 115/4, 34/5	ಸ ನಂ 118, 34/6ಬಿ	
14	ಮಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಪುಟ್ಟಮಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ	ಮಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಪುಟ್ಟಮಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ, ಮಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ	34/6B	0–20	–	0–20	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 34/6ಎ	ಸ ನಂ 33/2	ಸ ನಂ 34/6ಎ	ಸ ನಂ 118 & 119/2	
15	ಎನ್ ಸೋಮಣ್ಣ, ಶಿವಣ್ಣ ಉ. ಮೂಗೇಗೌಡ	ಎನ್ ಸೋಮಣ್ಣ, ಶಿವಣ್ಣ ಉ. ಮೂಗೇಗೌಡ	104/1	2–24	–	2–24	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 105/1, 2, 3, 4, 110/5	ಹಳ್ಳ	ಹಳ್ಳ	ಸ ನಂ 104/2	
16	ಎನ್ ಸೋಮಣ್ಣ, ಶಿವಣ್ಣ ಉ. ಮೂಗೇಗೌಡ	ಎನ್ ಸೋಮಣ್ಣ, ಶಿವಣ್ಣ ಉ. ಮೂಗೇಗೌಡ	104/2	2–00	–	2–00	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 110/2, 5	ಹಳ್ಳ	ಸ ನಂ 104/1	ಸ ನಂ 111/1,2	
17	ಪುಟ್ಟಮಾದಯ್ಯ ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಾದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಮಾದಯ್ಯ,	ಪುಟ್ಟಮಾದಯ್ಯ ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಾದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಮಾದಯ್ಯ,	109/3	0–21	–	0–20.04	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 110/3	ಸ ನಂ 109/2,5	ಸ ನಂ 109/4	
18	ಎಂ ಮಹದೇವಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಮಹದೇವಶೆಟ್ಟಿ,	ಎಂ ಮಹದೇವಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಮಹದೇವಶೆಟ್ಟಿ,	109/4	0–22	0–04	0–21	0–04	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 110/10	ಸ ನಂ 109/3	ಸ ನಂ 219/1 ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	
19	ಪುಟ್ಟಮಾದಯ್ಯ ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಾದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಮಾದಯ್ಯ,	ಪುಟ್ಟಮಾದಯ್ಯ ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಾದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಮಾದಯ್ಯ,	110/3	1–05	–	1–05	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 109/3	ಸ ನಂ 111/1	ಸ ನಂ 110/2,6,7,8	ಸ ನಂ 110/4,10	
20	ರವಿಚಂದ್ರ ಬಿನ್ ನಂಜಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	ರವಿಚಂದ್ರ ಬಿನ್ ನಂಜಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	110/4	0–34	0–05	0–34	0–05	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 110/10	ಸ ನಂ 111/1	ಸ ನಂ 110/3	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	
21	ಲಿಂಗರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಮಹದೇವಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	ಲಿಂಗರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಮಹದೇವಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	110/10	0–12	0–02	0–12	0–02	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 109/4	ಸ ನಂ 110/4	ಸ ನಂ 110/3	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	
22	ಕೆ. ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಕಂಬಯ್ಯ	ಕೆ. ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಕಂಬಯ್ಯ, ಸುಂದರರಾಜಯ್ಯ, ಶಾಂತರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸುಂದರರಾಜಯ್ಯ ಉ.ಸುಂದರ್‌ರಾಜ್, ಕನಕಂಪುಜ ಬಾಲ್ ಚಿನ್ನ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ಸುಂದರ ರಾಜಯ್ಯ ಉ.ಸುಂದರ್‌ರಾಜ್, ಎಸ್ ಹರ್ಷ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸುಂದರ ರಾಜಯ್ಯ ಉ.ಸುಂದರ್‌ರಾಜ್. ವಿಜಯಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ಸುಂದರ ರಾಜಯ್ಯ ಉ.ಸುಂದರ್‌ರಾಜ್. ಸಲೆಟ್ ಮೇರಿ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಶಾಂತರಾಜು	111/1	1–38	0–05	1–38	0–05	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 110/2,3,4	ಸ ನಂ 111/2	ಸ ನಂ 104/2	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	
23	ಕೆ. ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಕಂಬಯ್ಯ	ಕೆ. ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಕಂಬಯ್ಯ	111/2	1–39	0–11	1–39	0–11	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 111/1	ಸ ನಂ 112 & 113/2	ಸ ನಂ 104/2	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	
24	ಶಾಂತ ಬಿನ್ ಚಾಮ	ಶಾಂತ ಬಿನ್ ಚಾಮ	112	2–35	0–13	2–35	0–13	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 111/2	ಸ ನಂ 114/4 & ಹಳ್ಳ	ಹಳ್ಳ	ಸ ನಂ 113/1,2	
25	ಜ್ಞಾನಸುಂದರಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮ, ರತ್ನಮಾಲ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮ, ಜಯಪ್ರಕಾಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮ, ಪ್ರೇಮಜ್ಯೋತಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮ, ಆರೋಗ್ಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ.ಪುಟ್ಟಮಲ್ಲ ಉ. ಜೋಸೆಫ್, ಜಯರಾಜ್ ಜೆ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ಪುಟ್ಟಮಲ್ಲ ಉ. ಜೋಸೆಫ್, ಅಂತೋನಿ ಜೆ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ಪುಟ್ಟಮಲ್ಲ ಉ. ಜೋಸೆಫ್, ಸ್ಟೆಲ್ಲಾ ಮೇರಿ.ಜೆ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ಪುಟ್ಟಮಲ್ಲ ಉ. ಜೋಸೆಫ್,	ಜ್ಞಾನಸುಂದರಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮ, ರತ್ನಮಾಲ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮ, ಜಯಪ್ರಕಾಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮ, ಪ್ರೇಮಜ್ಯೋತಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮ, ಆರೋಗ್ಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ.ಪುಟ್ಟಮಲ್ಲ ಉ. ಜೋಸೆಫ್, ಜಯರಾಜ್ ಜೆ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ಪುಟ್ಟಮಲ್ಲ ಉ. ಜೋಸೆಫ್, ಅಂತೋನಿ ಜೆ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ಪುಟ್ಟಮಲ್ಲ ಉ. ಜೋಸೆಫ್, ಸ್ಟೆಲ್ಲಾ ಮೇರಿ.ಜೆ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ಪುಟ್ಟಮಲ್ಲ ಉ. ಜೋಸೆಫ್,	113/1	1–34	–	1–34	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 113/2	ಸ ನಂ 114/4 & 116/2	ಸ ನಂ 112	ಸ ನಂ 116/2, ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	
26	ಜಯಪ್ರಕಾಶ ಕೋಂ ಡಿ ಜೇಮ್ಸ್	ಜಯಪ್ರಕಾಶ ಕೋಂ ಡಿ ಜೇಮ್ಸ್	113/2	2–00	–	2–00	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 111/2 & ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 113/1	ಸ ನಂ 112	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	
27	ಬಸವರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಸಣ್ಣಮಾದಯ್ಯ	ಬಸವರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಸಣ್ಣಮಾದಯ್ಯ	114/1	0–26	–	0–26	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 114/2	ಸ ನಂ 34/1, 2ಎ	ಹಳ್ಳ	ಸ ನಂ 115/2	
28	ಕಮಲಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಕರುಣಾಕರಯ್ಯ	ಕಮಲಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಕರುಣಾಕರಯ್ಯ	114/2	0–34	–	0–34	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 114/3	ಸ ನಂ 114/1	ಹಳ್ಳ	ಸ ನಂ 115/1ಎ1, 116/1	
29	ಕಮಲಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಕರುಣಾಕರಯ್ಯ	ಕಮಲಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಕರುಣಾಕರಯ್ಯ	114/3	0–31	0–01.08	0–31	0–01.08	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 114/4	ಸ ನಂ 114/2	ಹಳ್ಳ	ಸ ನಂ 116/1	
30	ತುಳಸಮ್ಮ ಕೊಂ ಲೇ.ನಂಜುಂಡಯ್ಯ ಎಸ್.ಸಿದ್ದರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ನಂಜುಂಡಯ್ಯ, ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್ ಎನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ನಂಜುಂಡಯ್ಯ, ಮೀನಾಕುಮಾರಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ನಂಜುಂಡಯ್ಯ, ಎನ್ ನರಸಿಂಹರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ನಂಜುಂಡಯ್ಯ ರಾಧಾ.ಜೆ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ.ದೊರೆಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ತೃಪ್ತಿ. ಡಿ.ಮೈ.ಗಾ ತಾಯಿ ರಾಧಾ.ಜೆ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ದೊರೆಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಸಿದ್ದಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಬಸವಯ್ಯ ಉ ಮಾದಯ್ಯ , ನಾಗಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಬಸವಯ್ಯ ಉ ಮಾದಯ್ಯ, ದೇವಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಬಸವಯ್ಯ ಉ ಮಾದಯ್ಯ	ತುಳಸಮ್ಮ ಕೊಂ ಲೇ.ನಂಜುಂಡಯ್ಯ ಎಸ್.ಸಿದ್ದರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ನಂಜುಂಡಯ್ಯ, ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್ ಎನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ನಂಜುಂಡಯ್ಯ, ಮೀನಾ ಕುಮಾರಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ನಂಜುಂಡಯ್ಯ, ಎನ್ ನರಸಿಂಹರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ನಂಜುಂಡಯ್ಯ ರಾಧಾ.ಜೆ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ.ದೊರೆಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ತೃಪ್ತಿ. ಡಿ.ಮೈ.ಗಾ ತಾಯಿ ರಾಧಾ.ಜೆ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ದೊರೆಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಸಿದ್ದಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಬಸವಯ್ಯ ಉ ಮಾದಯ್ಯ , ನಾಗಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಬಸವಯ್ಯ ಉ ಮಾದಯ್ಯ, ದೇವಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಬಸವಯ್ಯ ಉ ಮಾದಯ್ಯ	114/4	0–31	0–01.08	0–31	0–01.08	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 113/1, 112	ಸ ನಂ 114/3	ಹಳ್ಳ	ಸ ನಂ 116/1,2	
31	ಸಂಕೇತ್.ಎ ಬಿನ್ ಅಶೋಕ್ ರಾಜ್ ಜೈನ್	ಸಂಕೇತ್.ಎ ಬಿನ್ ಅಶೋಕ್ ರಾಜ್ ಜೈನ್	115/1A1	0–24	–	0–24	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 116/1	ಸ ನಂ 115/2, 3	ಸ ನಂ 114/2	ಸ ನಂ 115/1ಎ2	
32	ಸಣ್ಣಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ, ಎಂ ಮಹದೇವಯ್ಯ ಲೇ ಮಾದಯ್ಯ	ಸಣ್ಣಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ, ಎಂ ಮಹದೇವಯ್ಯ ಲೇ ಮಾದಯ್ಯ	115/1A2	0–22	–	0–20 0–02	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 116/1, 3	ಸ ನಂ 115/3, 4	ಸ ನಂ 115/1ಎ1	ಸ ನಂ 115/1ಬಿ	
33	ರಾಜು.ಬಿ ಬಿನ್ ಬಸವಣ್ಣ	ರಾಜು.ಬಿ ಬಿನ್ ಬಸವಣ್ಣ, ಬಸವಯ್ಯ	115/1B	0–14	–	0–14	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 116/4	ಸ ನಂ 115/4	ಸ ನಂ 115/1ಎ2	ಸ ನಂ 117/2ಎ	
34	ಪುಟ್ಟಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ರಾಚಯ್ಯ	ಪುಟ್ಟಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ರಾಚಯ್ಯ	115/2	0–22	–	0–22	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 115/1ಎ1	ಸ ನಂ 34/2ಎ,3	ಸ ನಂ 114/1	ಸ ನಂ 115/3	
35	ಸಂಕೇತ್.ಎ ಬಿನ್ ಅಶೋಕ್ ರಾಜ್ ಜೈನ್	ಸಂಕೇತ್.ಎ ಬಿನ್ ಅಶೋಕ್ ರಾಜ್ ಜೈನ್	115/3	0–22	–	0–22	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 115/1ಎ1, 1ಎ2	ಸ ನಂ 34/3,5	ಸ ನಂ 115/2	ಸ ನಂ 115/4	
36	ಸಂಕೇತ್.ಎ ಬಿನ್ ಅಶೋಕ್ ರಾಜ್ ಜೈನ್	ಸಂಕೇತ್.ಎ ಬಿನ್ ಅಶೋಕ್ ರಾಜ್ ಜೈನ್	115/4	0–21	–	0–21	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 115/1ಎ2, 1ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 34/5	ಸ ನಂ 115/3	ಸ ನಂ 34/6ಎ, 117/2ಎ	
37	ಬಸವರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಸಣ್ಣಮಾದಯ್ಯ	ಬಸವರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಸಣ್ಣಮಾದಯ್ಯ	116/1	1–09	–	1–09	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 116/2	ಸ ನಂ 115/1ಎ1, 1ಎ2	ಸ ನಂ 114/2,3,4	ಸ ನಂ 116/3	
38	ನಾಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ತಾಯಿ ಲೇ.ಲಿಂಗಮ್ಮ	ನಾಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ತಾಯಿ ಲೇ.ಲಿಂಗಮ್ಮ	116/2	1–09	–	1–09	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 113/1 & ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 116/1	ಸ ನಂ 114/4, 113/1	ಸ ನಂ 116/4	
39	ಪುಟ್ಟನಂಜಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ರಾಮಯ್ಯ	ಪುಟ್ಟನಂಜಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ರಾಮಯ್ಯ	116/3	0–24.08	–	0–24.08	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 116/4	ಸ ನಂ 115/1ಎ2	ಸ ನಂ 116/1	ಸ ನಂ 116/4	
40	ಕಮಲಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ.ಕರುಣಾಕರಯ್ಯ	ಕಮಲಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ.ಕರುಣಾಕರಯ್ಯ	116/4	1–33.08	–	1–33.08	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 116/3, 15/1ಎ2, 1ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 116/2, 3	ಸ ನಂ 117/1	
41	ಸುಂದರಮಣಿ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ.ಜಯ ಕುಮಾರ್.ಸಿ, ಸುಹಾನ್ ದಾಸ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ಜಯ ಕುಮಾರ್.ಸಿ, ದಿಲಾನ್ ಚಕ್ರವರ್ತಿ ದಾಸ್. ಜೆ ಲೇ.ಜಯಕುಮಾರ್.ಸಿ, ಡುಜಾನ್ ದಾಸ್.ಜೆ ಲೇ.ಜಯಕುಮಾರ್.ಸಿ,	ಸುಂದರಮಣಿ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ. ಜಯ ಕುಮಾರ್. ಸಿ, ಸುಹಾನ್ ದಾಸ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ಜಯ ಕುಮಾರ್.ಸಿ, ದಿಲಾನ್ ಚಕ್ರವರ್ತಿ ದಾಸ್. ಜೆ ಲೇ.ಜಯ ಕುಮಾರ್.ಸಿ, ಡುಜಾನ್ ದಾಸ್.ಜೆ ಲೇ.ಜಯಕುಮಾರ್.ಸಿ,	117/1	2–04	–	2–04	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 117/2ಎ	ಸ ನಂ 116/4 115/1ಬಿ & ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 117/2ಬಿ & ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	
42	ಕಮಲಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ.ಹನುಮಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	ಕಮಲಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ.ಹನುಮಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	117/2A	0–31	–	0–31	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 117/1, 2ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 34/6ಎ	ಸ ನಂ 115/1ಬಿ, 4	ಸ ನಂ 118	
43	ಕಮಲಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಕರುಣಾಕರಯ್ಯ	ಕಮಲಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಹನುಮಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	117/2B	1–20	–	1–20	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 118, 117/2ಎ	ಸ ನಂ 117/1	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	
44	ಶಿವಮಲ್ಲಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ.ಚಿನ್ನಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ ಸುಂದರಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ಚಿನ್ನಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ,	ಶಿವಮಲ್ಲಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ.ಚಿನ್ನಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ, ಸುಂದರಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ಚಿನ್ನಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ, ಚಿನ್ನಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ,	118	1–35	–	1–35	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ & ಸ ನಂ 117/2ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 119/2,3,5	ಸ ನಂ 34/6ಎ,6ಬಿ, 117/2ಎ	ಸ ನಂ 119/1	
45	ಮಹದೇವಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ದಾಸಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	ಮಹದೇವಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ದಾಸಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	119/1	1–25	–	1–25	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 119/5	ಸ ನಂ 118	ಸ ನಂ 120/1ಡಿ & ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	
46	ಶಿವಮಲ್ಲಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ.ಚಿನ್ನಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ ಸುಂದರಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ಚಿನಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ,	ಶಿವಮಲ್ಲಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ.ಚಿನ್ನಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ ಸುಂದರಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ.ಚಿನಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ,	119/2	0–17	–	0–17	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 118	ಸ ನಂ 31/1	ಸ ನಂ 34/6ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 119/3,4	
47	ಸಿದ್ದ ಬಿನ್ ಸಿದ್ದ	ಸಿದ್ದ ಬಿನ್ ಸಿದ್ದ, ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ	119/3	0–13	–	0–13	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 118	ಸ ನಂ 119/4	ಸ ನಂ 119/2	ಸ ನಂ 119/5	
48	ಮಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಪುಟ್ಟಮಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ	ಮಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಪುಟ್ಟಮಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ, ಮಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ	119/4	0–07	–	0–07	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 119/3	ಸ ನಂ 31/1,2	ಸ ನಂ 119/2	ಸ ನಂ 119/5	
49	ಮಹೇಂದ್ರ ಕೆ.ಎಸ್ ಬಿನ್ ಕೆ.ಬಿ.ಶಿವಸ್ವಾಮಿ	ಮಹೇಂದ್ರ ಕೆ.ಎಸ್ ಬಿನ್ ಕೆ.ಬಿ.ಶಿವಸ್ವಾಮಿ	119/5	1–07	–	1–07	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 119/1, 118	ಸ ನಂ 31/6ಎ	ಸ ನಂ 119/3,4	ಸ ನಂ 120/1ಬಿ, 1ಸಿ, 1ಡಿ	

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Special court orders FIR against Parameshwara, IAS officer for alleged illegal betting

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a peculiar case, a special court in Bengaluru on Tuesday directed the Tumakuru police to register a First Information Report (FIR) and conduct an investigation against Karnataka Home Minister G. Parameshwara and Tumakuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Subha Kalyan, an IAS officer, on the allegation of indulging in illegal betting during a public Kabbadi tournament held in October 2025.

K.N. Shivakumar, judge of the special court of magistrate for criminal cases against former and present MPs and MLAs, passed the order on a private private complaint filed by H.R. Nagabushan.

The complainant alleged that Dr. Parameshwara and Ms. Kalyan had placed a bet of ₹500 on the Dakshina Kannada district Kabbadi team during a match held in Tumakuru on October 19, 2025.

Home Minister Parameshwara
FILE PHOTO

'Instigating public'

The complainant further argued that subsequent media statements given by them regarding the bet amounts to "instigating the public at large to participate in such illegal activity of betting". Sections 112(2) (petty organised crime) and 45 (abetment or instigate to commit illegal act) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), have been invoked against them in the complaint.

The complainant had initially approached the Kodigehalli police station in Koratagere taluk, Tumakuru district, but the police sub-inspector had closed the complaint on October 29, 2025, labelling it "baseless" and lacking evidence.

Without investigation

However, the special court observed that the closure report of the police appeared to have been made without proper investigation. "On perusal of the endorsement given by the PSI, it appears that said the police have neither considered the reports of newspapers nor appears to have summoned any documents/evidences from the complainant," the court stated.

Citing newspaper reports from Kannada dailies published on October 20 and 21, 2025, which were enclosed to the complaints lodged before the Kodigehalli police, and various higher police authorities in Tumakuru district, including Superintendent of Police, Tumakuru district, the court found a *prima facie case* for investigation.

No prior sanction

Interestingly, the court also ruled that prior sanction from the government for registering FIR was not required to probe the Minister and the Deputy Commissioner as the alleged act of illegal betting on a sports match does not fall within the purview of their official functions as the Home Minister or the DC.

While directing the station house officer, Kodigehalli police station, to register the FIR and investigate, the court adjourning further hearing on the complaint till April 30.

Hoysala police rescue three in separate emergencies

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Police personnel under the Namma 112 emergency response system successfully handled three separate incidents on Monday. In the first incident, a delivery personnel was rescued after getting trapped in a malfunctioning lift at an apartment in Silver Springs Layout under Varthur Police Station limits. Alerted by a resident through the Namma 112 helpline, Hoysala-224 staff reached the spot within 12 minutes and manually opened the lift.

In another case, D.J. Halli police saved a 40-year-old man who attempted suicide at his residence. Following a call by his mother, the personnel reached the location within 13 minutes and rescued him.

In a third incident, Vidyaranyapura police rescued a woman who attempted suicide. After a TV reporter alerted the helpline, the police broke open the door and rescued her.

(If you are in distress or having suicidal tendencies, please reach out to these 24/7 helplines: KIRAN at 1800-599-0019 or Arogya Sahayavani at 104 for help.)

Task force to come up with an anthem for Western Ghats

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

Mohammed Tabrez Alam Shariff, Chairman of the Karnataka State Western Ghats Conservation Task Force Committee, has said that the committee will come up with an anthem for the Western Ghats as part of efforts to spread awareness among the public on the significance of the biodiversity hotspot.

Mr. Shariff, in an interaction with the media in Shivamogga on Tuesday, said that the committee had begun many activities with regard to the conservation of the ghats.

"We will come up with an anthem for the Western Ghats. The anthem will include salient features and the significance of the ghats," he explained.

Withdrawal of party leader's suspension cannot be ruled out, says Satish Jarkiholi

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Minister for Public Works Satish Jarkiholi, who had found fault with the disciplinary action taken by the Congress against some of the leaders of the minority community, did not rule out the possibility of the party withdrawing its suspension of Abdul Jabbar, MLC, soon. Fielding reporters queries in Mysuru on Tuesday, he said Naseer Ahmed, MLC, who had been removed as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's political secretary, however, remains in the party. He further said the disciplinary action taken by the party against leaders of the minority community can have an impact on the support the party receives from Muslims.

Unpaid cane dues: Farmers' bid to storm DC's office foiled

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Tension prevailed on Tuesday as hundreds of sugarcane farmers attempted to storm the Deputy Commissioner's office, alleging non-payment of the additional ₹100 per tonne announced by the State government.

The police intervened and foiled the attempt. The agitating farmers later staged a sit-in protest in the portico and vowed to continue their agitation until their dues are cleared. The protesters said they would not relent until the Deputy Commissioner convenes a meeting and arrives at a solution. The protest was triggered by growing anger among cane growers, who claimed that sugar factories have failed to pay the additional price for sugarcane.

Officials, who met the protesting farmers, promised that a meeting with farmer leaders would soon be convened to address electricity-related issues in the district.

Kurubur Shanthakumar, State president of the Sugarcane Growers' Association, demanded that dues allegedly unpaid by the Bannari Sugar factory be cleared in accordance with government directives. He claimed that nearly ₹7.5 crore remains unpaid.

Farmers said the protest would continue indefinitely until payments are made.

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No. KRDCL/IFB/2026-27/04 Date: 16.04.2026

SHORT TERM NOTIFICATION

Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) invites offer from the reputed agencies having experience in respect of following works as per the requirement on percentage basis in two cover system as detailed below:
Name of Work: **Providing Manpower Services to Karnataka Road Development Corporation Ltd. (KRDCL) to work at-Head Office, Bengaluru & KRDCL- Project Offices across Karnataka for the year 2025-26 (Call-2).** Amt put to tender (in Rs.): **10,35,093.00.** Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.): **11,000.00.** Period of Services: **One year.**
1. Interested applicants may download bidding documents from the KPP portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and submit the bids and EMD (electronically) through KPP Portal only. **2.** The calendar of events for various activities to be referred in KPP Portal.
Note: Henceforth, any changes/modifications in the tender will be updated only on KPP Portal.

Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER, KRDCL, BENGALURU

DIPR/CP/AAA/275/2026-27

ZILLA PANCHAYATH TUMKUR
O/o Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Tumkur.

No: EE/PRED/TmK/ TND No-02/2026-27 Dated: 17.04.2026

KPP-Procurement Tender Notice
One & Two Cover System

The Tender is inviting through KPP-procurement on behalf of government of Karnataka by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Tumkur Chief Minister's Infrastructure Development Scheme for the year 2025-26, Government Pre-University Colleges Classroom Repair Scheme for the year 2024-25, 5054-SCP/TSP for the year 2024-25 for the Indent Number :
(Indent No: (Indent No: 1. RDPR/2026-27/RD/WORK_INDENT26249, 2. RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT22875/CALL-2, 3. RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT22876/CALL-2, 4. RDPR/2026-27/RD/WORK_INDENT26250, 5. RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT23510/CALL-2, 6. RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT23503/CALL-2, 7. RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT23509/CALL-2, 8. RDPR/2025-26/RD WORK_INDENT23468/CALL-2,9.RDPR/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT26091, 10.RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT18030/CALL-2)
as per KTTP Act 2000 The Tender Documents can be obtained from the KPP-procurement Web Site and submitt the details on Dated 18.04.2026. to 27.04.2026. upto 5.00 pm. Further details can be obtained through website at http://www.KPPP.karnataka.gov.in or contact this office during office working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Tumkur

DIPR/TUM/29/KSMCA/2026-27

BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, Zone-1 No. 2152/20, Defence colony, 9th Main, D Block, Sahakaranagara, BNCC office, Bengaluru–560092.
No:BNCC-Z1/EE/BTP/KPPP/PR/02/2026-27 **Date: 21-04-2026**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)
Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned on behalf of The Commissioner, BNCC for the works mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bengaluru North City Corporation, or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations. (Standard Tender Document KW-1,2,3,4)

Sl No.	Name of the works / Category
	SINGLE COVER TENDER
1.	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Monsoon period in 2026 in Jakkur Sub division (OTHERS) **Approximate value of work: ₹.7.50 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.18750/-**
2.	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Monsoon period in 2026 in Thanisandra Sub division (OTHERS) **Approximate value of work: ₹.5.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.12500/-**
3.	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Monsoon period in 2026 in Kogilu Sub division (OTHERS) **Approximate value of work: ₹.5.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.12500/-**
4.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Byatarayanapura Ward no-15 (SC) **Approximate value of work: ₹.25.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.25000/-**
5.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Amruthahalli Ward no-16 (SC) **Approximate value of work: ₹.25.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.25000/-**
6.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Jakkur Ward no-17 (ST) **Approximate value of work: ₹.25.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.25000/-**
7.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Kempapura Ward no-18 (OTHERS) **Approximate value of work: ₹.25.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.50000/-**
8.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Thanisandra Ward no-19 (CAT-II(A)) **Approximate value of work: ₹.25.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.50000/-**
9.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Sampegehalli Ward no.20 (CAT-I) **Approximate value of work: ₹.25.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.25000/-**
10.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Kogilu Ward no-21 (OTHERS) **Approximate value of work: ₹.25.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.50000/-**
11.	Providing Thermoplastic Painting for Rumbler strips, Lane Marking, Junction Markings, different types fo sign boards, pilican signals and Kerb stones, HRPC and other safety furnitures as per Traffic police requests in Byatarayanapura Division (OTHERS) **Approximate value of work: ₹.140.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.210000/-**
12.	Annual Maintenance of SWD in Byatarayanapura Division for the year 2026-27 (OTHERS) **Approximate value of work: ₹.175.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.262500/-**

Calendar of Events: (1) Pre-bid meeting will be held on **30-04-2026** at **3:00** pm. (2) Last Date for uploading the filled proposals is **06-05-2026** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Date of Opening of Technical Bid on **07-05-2026** after **4:00** pm. (4) Date of Opening of Financial Bid After Approval of Technical Bid.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Byatarayanapura Division, Zone-1,
Bengaluru North City Corporation

Government of karnataka
Office of Assistant Conservator of Forest, Channarayapatna Sub division. Near Taluk Office, Channarayapatna-573116
E-mail- acfcrpatna@gmail.com

No: ACF/CRP/SD/GL- /2026-27. Dated 18.04.2026

Short Tender Announcement (Via Karnataka Public Procurement Portal)

A short tender has been invited through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal for the execution of various 45 works in Channarayapatna, Arasikere and Holenarasipur range areas of Hassan territorial division during the year 2026-27. Vendors can submit their bids through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal till 16.00 (5.00 PM) on or before 04.05.2026. Further details can be obtained from this office during office working days or online through http://KPPP.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-Assistant Conservator of Forest, Channarayapatna Sub division. Channarayapatna

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50	ಶ್ವೇತಾ ಕೊಂ ಮಹೇಶ್	ಶ್ವೇತಾ ಕೊಂ ಮಹೇಶ್	120/1A	0–34	–	0–34	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 120/1ಬಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 31/6ಎ,6ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 120/3	
51	ಶ್ವೇತಾ ಕೊಂ ಮಹೇಶ್	ಶ್ವೇತಾ ಕೊಂ ಮಹೇಶ್	120/1B	0–10	–	0–10	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 120/1ಸಿ	ಸ ನಂ 120/1ಎ	ಸ ನಂ 31/6ಎ, 119/5	ಸ ನಂ 120/2	
52	ಶ್ವೇತಾ ಕೊಂ ಮಹೇಶ್	ಶ್ವೇತಾ ಕೊಂ ಮಹೇಶ್	120/1C	0–11	–	0–11	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 120/1ಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 120/1ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 119/5	ಸ ನಂ 120/2	
53	ದೊಡ್ಡತಾಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ	ದೊಡ್ಡತಾಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ, ಜಿಯಾಉಲ್ಲಾ ಷರೀಫ್ ಲೇ.ಅಹಮ್ಮದ್ ಷರೀಫ್ ಸಾಬ್ ಉ.ನೂರುಲ್ ಹಕ್	120/1D	0–12	–	0–12	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 120/1ಸಿ	ಸ ನಂ 119/1	ಸ ನಂ 120/2	
54	ಅತೀಖ್ ಅಹಮ್ಮದ್ ಷರೀಫ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಗಫಾರ್ ಷರೀಫ್	ಅತೀಖ್ ಅಹಮ್ಮದ್ ಷರೀಫ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಗಫಾರ್ ಷರೀಫ್	120/2	0–32	–	0–32	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 120/3,4	ಸ ನಂ 120/1ಬಿ, 1ಸಿ, 1ಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 122/1ಬಿ	
55	ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ	ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ	120/3	0–14	–	0–14	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 120/2	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 120/1ಎ	ಸ ನಂ 120/4	
56	ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ	ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ	120/4	0–18	–	0–18	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 120/2	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 120/3	ಸ ನಂ 122/2	
57	ಅತೀಖ್ ಅಹಮ್ಮದ್ ಷರೀಫ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಗಫರ್ ಷರೀಫ್	ಅತೀಖ್ ಅಹಮ್ಮದ್ ಷರೀಫ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಗಫರ್ ಷರೀಫ್	122/1A	1–10	–	1–10	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 122/3,5	ಸ ನಂ 122/1ಬಿ	ಸ ನಂ 123/3	
58	ಅತೀಖ್ ಅಹಮ್ಮದ್ ಷರೀಫ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಗಫರ್ ಷರೀಫ್	ಅತೀಖ್ ಅಹಮ್ಮದ್ ಷರೀಫ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಗಫರ್ ಷರೀಫ್	122/1B	1–13	–	1–13	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 122/2, 3, 4, 6	ಸ ನಂ 120/2	ಸ ನಂ 122/1ಎ	
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60	ಮಹಮ್ಮದ್ ಕಲೀಮ್ ವುಲ್ಲಾ ಬಿನ್ ಅಬ್ದುಲ್ ರಹೀಂ	ಮಹಮ್ಮದ್ ಕಲೀಮ್ ವುಲ್ಲಾ ಬಿನ್ ಅಬ್ದುಲ್ ರಹೀಂ	122/3	0–25	–	0–25	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 122/1ಎ, 1ಬಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 122/4	ಸ ನಂ 122/5	
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63	ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ	ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ	122/6	0–09		0–09	–	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 122/1ಬಿ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ ನಂ 122/2	ಸ ನಂ 122/4	
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Mekedatu DPR will be submitted to Centre in 10 days, says DKS

He says final decision on the project should now be taken by the Centre; the State government has formed a technical team led by Karnataka Engineering Research Station director to expedite the project after a Supreme Court order

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who is also the Minister for Water Resources, said the State government will submit the detailed project report (DPR) on the Mekedatu project to the Centre within the next 10 days.

Speaking at a function to launch a project to fill 110 lakes and other development works for Gundlupet taluk in Chamarajanagar district near here on Tuesday, Mr. Shivakumar said the State government was currently preparing the DPR and the same will be submitted to the Centre in 10 days.

The project envisages construction of a balancing reservoir at Mekedatu. FILE PHOTO

Justice by SC

Claiming that justice had been served to Karnataka by the Supreme Court on the Mekedatu project issue, Mr. Shivakumar said the final decision on the project should now be taken by the Centre.

After Karnataka submits the DPR, the Centre must accord approval. "The project will be implemented once the Centre's approval is received," the Deputy Chief Minister said, while pointing out that the State had already opened an office for implementing the project and identified the land required for the project .

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>
> **D.K. SHIVAKUMAR,**
> Deputy Chief Minister

Mr. Shivakumar also recalled Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy's statement on the Mekedatu project issue, but did not elaborate. "I have only one thing to tell Mr. Kumaraswamy and BJP leaders. Criticism is very easy. Criticisms fade away, but work remains," he said, reiterating the Congress government's commitment to the Mekedatu project.

The Karnataka government had formed a technical team led by the Karnataka Engineering Research Station (KERS) Director to expedite the Mekedatu project after the Supreme Court, in a order on November 13, 2025, termed Tamil Nadu's application challenging the proposed construction of a reservoir across the Cauvery as "premature", while observing that Karnataka would be bound to release the Cauvery water share to Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

The technical team is functioning from the Mekedatu project office set up by Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Ltd (CNNL) in Ramanagara.

Meanwhile, the Central Water Commission (CWC) has already made it clear that any acceptance of the DPR would be given only after approvals from the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) and the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRA).

The Mekedatu project envisages construction of a balancing reservoir and a drinking water project at Mekedatu.

ED raids a political vendetta, claims Nalapad; Congress leaders question timing

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the Enforcement Directorate (ED) continued searches at various locations in Bengaluru on Tuesday in connection with cybercrime and cryptocurrency-related money laundering case involving Srikrishna Ramesh, alias Sriki, the Congress on Tuesday accused the BJP of targeting Congress leaders through investigating agencies.

Mohammed Haris Nalapad, son of Congress MLA N.A. Haris, termed the action a "political vendetta", alleging it was aimed at derailing his father's ministerial prospects.

The ED has not yet issued an official statement regarding the outcome or evidence collected during the searches.

Refuting media reports of cash seizures, he claimed that officials left with only two mobile phones. "Not a single paisa was found," he said. He said the family had fully cooperated with investigators and would challenge the matter legally.

Responding to allegations of links with Srikrishna Ramesh, an accused in the Bitcoin scam, Mr. Nalapad admitted to knowing him socially but denied any involvement in illegal activities.

Siddaramaiah

Questioning the timing, Mr. Nalapad pointed out that the case dated to 2021. "Why now, after five years? This is not about me or my brother. It is a deliberate attack on my father," he told reporters.

Why not BJP?

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah told presspersons in Chamarajnagar that the Centre was targetting Congress leaders and pointed out that similar raids were not happening on BJP leaders.

Questioning the timing of the ED searches, Housing Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan said the case originated during the BJP government in 2021 and asked why raids were conducted now. He also pointed out that a Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe was already under way.

Echoing similar concerns, Naseer Ahmed, who was recently sacked as political secretary to the Chief Minister, stated that the case was nearly a decade old and had already undergone investigation, including FIR registration.

"After all that, the ED stepping in now raises political questions," he said, alleging selective action.

Home Minister G. Parameshwara said: "The ED officials must clarify the reasons for the raids, and what has been recovered. They usually issue a press statement, and we will wait for that. Any comment before that would be inappropriate."

SIT probe

Regarding the Bitcoin scam, Dr. Parameshwara said the SIT probe is in its final stages, noting that the case has national and international ramifications.

"There has been some delay due to the technical nature of the investigation. However, instructions have already been given to expedite the process and file an interim charge sheet at the earliest," he said.

Responding to questions about alleged links between influential persons and hacker Srikrishna Ramesh, the Minister said the investigation would reveal all connections.

"Statements made outside and findings of the investigation may differ," he noted.

New Excise regime: The higher the alcohol content in drink, the greater its cost

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As Karnataka moves to a new Excise regime, price of certain 'strong' liquor is set to become dearer as Excise duty will now be levied on the alcohol in beverage (AIB). The low cost liquor, which brings in bulk of the Excise revenue to the government, and has high alcohol content, is set to see an increase.

From Excise duty levied on bulk litres, the duty will now be on the per millilitre of alcohol in the beverage that may contain alcohol value of 42%, 40%, 39%, and 38% alcohol content, which means the stronger the whiskey, gin, rum or brandy the costlier it will be.

'Strong' liquors that are on the lower cost band and within the ₹750 price range are likely to be dearer by ₹5 or ₹10 per 90 ML, depending on the alcohol value, department sources said.

"The price of the liquor will be determined by the company since the regime has moved on from government-controlled prices. The market will determine the pricing of the company. There could be marginal rise in price," a senior Excise Department official said.

The 'Alcohol in Beverage' was one of the Excise reforms announced by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in his 2026-2027 Budget. FILE PHOTO

Two slab beer was introduced last financial year with one slab at 0% to 5% alcohol, and the other at 5% to 8%. "Cheaper beers are normally at 8% alcohol content and premium beers have alcohol content less than 5%, which is costlier. Tax is higher for cheaper beer now," sources said.

The AIB was one of the Excise reforms announced by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in his 2026-2027 Budget. To accommodate the new rates, the government has reduced the number of slabs from the current 16 to eight based on the AIB.

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> General secretary of the Federation of Karnataka Wine Merchants Associations

A senior government official said that the government intended to incentivise consumption of liquor with lesser alcohol content in the long run.

"The premium liquor that became cheaper after slab rationalisation has started showing results and is growing well. A bulk of revenue still comes from the cheaper liquor, but premium segment has shown good growth. In Telangana 50% of revenue comes from premium liquor. We are not there yet, but we may reach there in the next few years."

Still evaluating draft

Sources in Karnataka Brewers and Distillers' Association said that it is still evaluating the draft, and its impact on business. "We will respond to the objections/suggestions invited for the draft appropriately," an office-bearer said.

"This is the fourth time that the government has increased Excise duty after coming to power three years ago. This is not a good move. Revenue is not increasing due to higher Excise duty. Enforcement is also weak resulting in leakages," said B. Govindraj Hegde, general secretary of the Federation of Karnataka Wine Merchants Associations. "Retailers will be directly affected."

'Excise revenue will not be hit'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government is aware that the new AIB regime would impact prices slightly, a senior government official said, adding that the price variation will not result in Excise revenue losses.

"The AIB has been fixed in such a way that there will be no revenue loss. The Excise target will not be missed."

The full AIB could be implemented over the next three to five years replacing the slab system completely, sources said.

"The price difference is not much. When a new scheme is being brought some variations are expected and disturbances are expected. Price will increase in liquor that has high alcohol content," sources said.

"In an ideal situation, producers need to declare alcohol content and appropriately tax will be levied. It will, however, take some time."

Funds released for TPs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The RDPR Department has released the first instalment grants of ₹501.24 crore for implementation of various schemes under taluk panchayats for 2026-27.

According to a release, these funds are meant to be utilised for education infrastructure, student welfare measures, and educational schemes.

The release stated that these funds are expected to provide a boost to educational development.

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KPTCL invites bid against **Enquiry No: KPTCL/B31/SEEIT/EEIT4/AEE3/66247/15/2026-27** for **Aerial inspection of EHV Transmission lines, Towers, Corridor, Data Collection and other works specified using Unmanned Aviation System (UAS/Drone) and data storage conforming to KPTCL specifications in Drone As A Service (DAAS) and Software As A Service (SAAS) model.**
The bids will be received through e-procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the enquiry can be obtained by log in onto KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **22.04.2026, 5.00 PM.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.
Sd/- **Chief General Manager(Tech.), KPTCL, Corporate Office, 11th Floor, Indhana Bhavan, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560009.**

KBN varsity, *The Hindu* Group sign MoU for STEP programme

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Khaja Bandanawaz (KBN) University in Kalaburagi on Tuesday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with THG Publishing Private Limited, publishers of *The Hindu* and other publications, to implement the STEP (Standardised Test of English Proficiency) programme aimed at enhancing students' communication and employability skills.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Chancellor Syed Muhammad Ali Al Hussaini, director (campus) Mustafa Al Hussaini, Vice-Chancellor Ali Raza Moosvi, Pro Vice-Chancellor Ashfaq Ahmed, registrar Mir Vilayat Ali, and deans of various faculties.

Representing *The Hindu* Group were Saikrishnan, general manager, STEP Division, and Nagaraj Y. Phatak, regional manager.

The collaboration seeks to strengthen English language proficiency and professional communication skills among the KBN university students by introducing the AI-powered STEP Blended English Learning Programme on campus.

STEP, an adaptive English language training and assessment platform aligned to global CEFR standards, combines online learning with classroom-based training.

Under the programme, students will undergo a structured learning module covering listening, speaking, reading and writing (LSRW) skills, along with grammar, vocabulary, and employability-oriented communication.

KARNATAKA NEERAVRI NIGAM LIMITED
Office of The Executive Engineer, KNNL, TLBC Division No. 3, Sindhanur-584128.
No: KNNL/EE-3/TLBC/TS-3/SLIS&BCB/Tender Notification/2026-27/ 127 Date: 15.04.2026.
No: KNNL/EE-3/TLBC/TS-2/Weir/Tender Notification/2025-26/ 126 Date: 15.04.2026.
Short Term Tender Notification (CALL-2)
(Through e-procurement only)
The Percentage Basis tenders through E-Procurement platform in Two Cover system (i.e., Technical Bid and Financial Bid.) are invited by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, TLBC Division No.3, Sindhanur on Behalf of the Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, 4th Floor, Coffee Board Building, Dr|| B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore-560001 from Eligible Registered KPWD / CPWD Class-1 Contractor for the works of "Construction of weir near jack well of Channabaseweshwara LIS" the Amount put to tender is Rs. 3525.12 Lakhs. The Lump Sum Turn Key Basis tenders through E-Procurement platform in Two Cover system for the two works of "Lift scheme for supplementing water to the suffering atchkat in Distributary-36 near Salagunda village" the Amount put to tender is Rs. 4765.55 Lakh and "lift scheme comprising of construction of bridge cum barrage (BCB) lifting water from Sindhanur halla near Mullur village" the amount put to tender is Rs. 2150.54 Lakh. Last date for submission of tender through electronic tender is Date: 21.05.2026 up to 4.00 PM. The Name of work, amount put to tender, EMD amount, tender conditions and other information can be obtained from this office during office hours or through website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home.
DIP/RCR/28KSMCA/30/2026-27
Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL, TLBC Division No.3, Sindhanur.

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No: Admin(3)CR/65/2025-26 Dated: 17-04-2026
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE (SHORT TERM)
Tender Notification No: 01/2026-27, Dated: 17-04-2026
Short Term Tender is invited through e-Procurement for the 2515-00-101-0-28-(034) and Other Head of Accounts from the Date: 01.05.2026 for the period of 01 year for the following **Vacant Posts: 17 - Data Entry Operators, 02 - Drivers, 01 - Admin Assistant, 01 - Account Assistant, 16 - 'D' Group, 01 - Sweeper and 01 - Security Guard.**
The Tender Document can be obtained and Submitted **on or before 28-04-2026 upto 4.00 PM.** For further details contact the above address during office hours or visit: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Deputy Secretary
Bengaluru Urban Zilla Panchayath, Bengaluru.
DIPR/CP/271/Adverto/2026-27

SIT speeds up probe into 'refurbishment' of Sabarimala panels

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala High Court-appointed special investigation team (SIT) probing the Sabarimala gold theft case has reportedly expedited its preliminary inquiry into whether the controversial removal and transport of gold-plated copper overlays embellishing the Dwarapalaka sculptures for "refurbishment" to a metal works company in Chennai in 2025 revealed a cognisable offence, including conspiracy, official corruption and pilferage.

Officials said the SIT has reportedly interviewed several officials, including the former Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) president P.S. Prasanth, as part of its inquiry.

The TDB had despatched the encasings to Chennai-based Smart Creations without informing the High Court's Special Commissioner for Sabarimala. Subsequently, the High Court flagged the possibility of misappropriation after taking cognisance of the TDB Vigilance finding that the panels' weight had decreased by an estimated 4 kg upon their return following "restoration" at Smart Creations.

The high court had also ordered the SIT to probe why the claddings, which came with a 40-year warranty following "restoration" at Smart Creations in 2019, lost their sheen within six years.

Modi, Shah want to deprive South of its rights: Kharge

Congress chief says BJP wants to impose its ideology on other States and it allied with AIADMK in T.N. to mislead voters; alternative parties will divide secular votes and indirectly help BJP, he adds

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

All India Congress Committee president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday expressed confidence that the DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance would be voted to power in Tamil Nadu.

He criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "violating the model code of conduct" [through his address to the nation] and alleged that Mr. Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah intended to deny the southern, northeastern, smaller and progressive States their democratic rights.

Closing pitch: Mallikarjun Kharge addresses a press conference in Chennai on Tuesday. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Speaking to reporters in Chennai, Mr. Kharge said that the Election Commission has acted like an extension of the office of BJP.

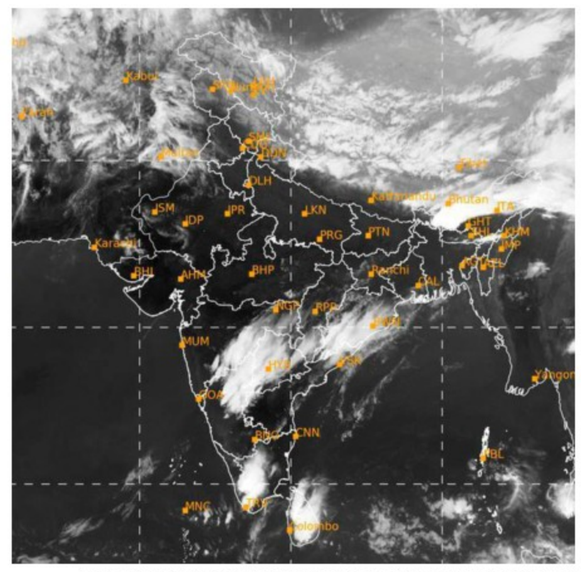
"First we saw manipulation of voters' list, then SIR, and now they wanted to control the delimitation commission, which we have stopped," he said.

Rejecting Mr. Modi's allegation that the Opposition defeated the Women's Reservation Bill, Mr. Kharge said, "The Bill was already passed in 2023. We had supported it... Opposition opposed the Delimitation Bill. Southern States that followed population control measures cannot be punished."

Mr. Kharge said the BJP aims to interfere in the affairs of the State and impose its ideology and centralise control. "To mislead voters, it has allied with the AIADMK and I urge people not to fall prey. I also caution voters about certain parties that may present themselves as alternatives... but only divide the secular votes and indirectly help the BJP and its divisive agenda," he alleged.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam and Meghalaya. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Sikkim, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala. Heat wave conditions likely at isolated places over Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	35.8	26.8	Kozhikode	—	37.2	28.9
Ahmedabad	—	41.0	26.8	Kurnool	—	42.5	30.2
Aizawl	—	33.5	19.8	Lucknow	—	40.2	23.6
Allahabad	—	43.2	24.8	Madurai	—	39.4	26.7
Bengaluru	—	36.5	24.2	Mangaluru	4	34.3	22.8
Bhopal	—	40.2	23.4	Mumbai	—	34.9	25.2
Bhubaneswar	—	37.9	26.4	Mysuru	—	36.6	21.0
Chandigarh	—	38.0	18.1	New Delhi	—	38.8	20.5
Chennai	—	38.6	27.5	Patna	—	41.5	27.4
Coimbatore	—	38.3	26.0	Port Blair	—	33.0	25.8
Dehradun	—	36.0	19.7	Puducherry	—	35.1	27.4
Gangtok	6	24.0	14.4	Pune	—	40.8	25.9
Goa	—	34.2	27.1	Raipur	—	41.4	30.0
Guwahati	46	33.6	19.4	Ranchi	—	38.6	25.3
Hubballi	—	36.0	23.0	Shillong	17	25.4	13.5
Hyderabad	—	38.4	28.4	Shimla	—	25.6	14.2
Imphal	—	30.3	21.1	Srinagar	—	25.9	8.5
Jaipur	—	39.7	26.0	Thiruvananthapuram	—	35.6	27.1
Kochi	—	32.6	26.8	Tiruchi	—	39.3	27.0
Kohima	—	27.0	17.0	Vijayawada	—	39.4	27.0
Kolkata	—	37.4	25.9	Visakhapatnam	—	32.7	27.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.84	.42	.2	64	123	
Bengaluru	.10	.75	60	—	107	
Chennai	.6	.14	29	30	71	
Delhi	.22	.93	43	204	270	
Hyderabad	.16	.15	35	66	88	
Kolkata	.9	.50	32	58	61	
Lucknow	.8	.40	58	166	129	
Mumbai	.1	.29	14	183	190	
Pune	.—	.41	66	81	81	
Visakhapatnam	.52	.55	17	40	119	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Angul, Odisha recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 301 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 23

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

First interactive talk show dedicated to innovative farmers kicks off

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For the first time in the country, an interactive reality/talk show dedicated to innovative farmers is being aired in Karnataka in which farmers will sit on the "hot seat" to narrate their success stories.

The weekly Kannada show titled *Raita Rathna* began its telecast from April 18 on Doordarshan Kendra (DDK) Bengaluru's Chandana channel.

The programme which is modelled on the lines of popular talk show "Weekend with Ramesh" in which actor Ramesh Arvind talks to celebrities on their life journey, *Raita Ratna* will feature a total of 26 successful farmers from across the State.

The one-hour show is a joint initiative of DDK-Bengaluru, University of Agricultural Sciences-Bengaluru, and Karnataka State Agriculture Department.

"Farmers from agriculture and allied sectors including those taking up farm-based enterprises have been chosen for this show," says UAS-B Vice-Chancellor S.V. Suresha. "The broader intention is to demonstrate to youth, particularly rural youth, that still there is life in farming and that you can earn a decent living through farming if you work hard with discipline and follow scientific protocols."

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According to him, there is a threat to farming as well as food security as farm youth are migrating to cities in search of smaller jobs as they think that farming is not profitable. "This programme is an effort to get social recognition for farming, which will go a long way in motivating youth to take to farming," he says.

The chosen innovative farmers include tribals from Chamarajanagar district and women farmers.

H.N. Gopinath, programme executive of DD Chandana, says that it took nearly six months for them to prepare the groundwork.

He adds that the feedback from people for the programme is encouraging as he got hundreds of calls from people who watched the first episode. Several firms too had come forward to sponsor the programme, he notes.

After the completion of all 26 episodes, the judges will choose three farmers for the "Raitha Rathna" awards. The programme was launched by Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy on April 18.

INBRIEF

International delegates to visit T.N. to observe polling

Delegates of the International Election Visitors' Programme 2026 will visit Tamil Nadu on April 22 and 23 to witness the polling process in the State. A total of 34 delegates from 17 countries, including representatives from their foreign missions in New Delhi and a representative of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, will participate in the second phase of the programme.

"The participants will visit Tamil Nadu and West Bengal from April 22 to 23. In the first phase, delegates of the programme visited Assam, Kerala, and Puducherry from April 8 to 9," an official release said.

Inter-State gang held for hash oil smuggling in Warangal

In a joint operation, the Anti-Narcotics Bureau, Counter Action Team (CAT), and Intezarganj police of the Warangal Police Commissionerate in Telangana, on Tuesday arrested an inter-State gang allegedly involved in large-scale smuggling of hash oil and seized contraband worth about ₹2.5 crore. The arrested persons were identified as Hantal Sannu and Hantal Sanyasi from Odisha, and Kandela Chinnababu and Hantal Krishna from Andhra Pradesh. Sannu allegedly cultivated ganja and collaborated with absconding accused Pandu, who specialised in extracting hash oil.

10 students hospitalised due to heat-related illness in A.P.

Around 10 girl students of an Ekalavya Residential School at Lakeyaputtu in Alluri Sitharama Raju district, Andhra Pradesh, fell ill on Tuesday. Initial reports suggested food poisoning, but health department officials clarified that the students had suffered from heat-related illness owing to the prevailing high temperatures. Minister for Tribal Affairs, G. Sandhya Rani said the students had recovered and were back in the hostel. As a precautionary measure, she instructed officials to keep them under observation for the next 48 hours.

Summer snack

Litter left to linger: On the eve of Earth Day, a chimpanzee relishes a slice of watermelon while holding a snack packet discarded by a visitor at the Indira Gandhi Zoological Park in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday. K.R. DEEPAK

Shipwreck off Kerala: T.N. seeks ₹1,041.8 cr. for coastal damage

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T.N. has sought the compensation over plastic nurdles piling up along its coast after ship *MSC Elsa 3* sank in May last year

The Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has informed the National Green Tribunal (NGT) that Tamil Nadu has sought a compensation of about ₹1,041.8 crore for the environmental damage and associated losses caused by the accumulation of plastic nurdles along its coast following the sinking of the container ship *MSC Elsa 3* off the Kerala coast on May 25, 2025.

The Principal Bench of the tribunal in New Delhi had asked the Ministry to submit the details of States and Union Territories that may have suffered environmental damage owing to the shipwreck after it took suo motu cognisance of the report titled 'Containers from sunken ship likely to drift towards Alappuzha, Kollam Coasts in 48 hours: INCOIS' published in *The Hindu*.

The vessel went down with 640 containers, including 13 with hazardous cargo and 12 with calcium carbide. A large quantity of pellets, also called nurdles, had washed ashore on the southern coast following the incident.

EC bars opening of strong rooms with polling materials

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Close on the heels of a controversy over the opening of a 'polling material room' in Kozhikode, Kerala, and the attempt to open another one at Nemmara in Palakkad, the Election Commission of India (EC) on Tuesday issued a directive to all district election officers and returning officers in the State not to open strong rooms under any circumstances before the day the votes are counted.

The directive was issued by Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala, Rathan U. Kelkar following reports of the opening of a strong room storing electronic voting machines (EVM) in the Perambra constituency in Kozhikode on Monday and reported plans to open another one in the Nemmara constituency in Palakkad.

Stern directive

"It has been reiterated that under no circumstances shall any strong room or unsealed room be opened or accessed for the purpose of preparing index cards or verifying data in the ENCORE portal," the poll body said.

West Bengal first phase, T.N. poll campaign ends

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI/KOLKATA

High-decibel campaigning for the Assembly election in Tamil Nadu and for the first phase of polling in West Bengal concluded on Tuesday evening.

In Tamil Nadu, over 5.73 crore voters will decide the fate of 4,023 candidates on Thursday to send 234 MLAs to the Assembly.

The two alliances led by the DMK and the AIADMK are locked in an intense fight.

DMK president and Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has billed this election as a Tamil Nadu versus New Delhi fight, while AIADMK leader Edappadi Palaniswami has maintained this is just an Assembly election and not parliamentary polls.

In West Bengal, polling for 152 seats across 16 districts will be held on Thursday, while the remaining seats will vote on April 29. Around 3.6 crore electors will determine the fate of 1,452 candidates in the first phase.

Record deployment

The Election Commission has deployed a record 2,407 companies of Central Armed Police Forces for this phase.

It is also implementing 100% webcasting, backed by AI that triggers instant alerts for overcrowding or booth jamming.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that Trinamool Congress leader and incumbent Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee wants to make her nephew the Chief Minister of the State.

Ms. Banerjee told voters that "no one wants the BJP to form a government" in Bengal and vowed to "throw out the BJP from Delhi in 2026 itself."

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TDP, Jana Sena leaders clash over 'missing' A.P. CM's photo

The Hindu Bureau
PITHAPURAM

Tension prevailed at the Pithapuram Area Development Authority (PADA) campus on Tuesday after former TDP MLA S.V.S.N. Varma and Jana Sena Party (JSP) leader Pendam Dorababu exchanged verbal abuses, following Mr. Varma's objection to the absence of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's photo on a flex banner at a government programme in Pithapuram town.

Lustre or bluster?

India's economic mettle will be on test as it faces headwinds

Data are now beginning to accumulate, revealing the slowdown in the Indian economy brought on by the crisis in West Asia. The latest is the Index of Eight Core Industries. The data for March, the first month since the war broke out, show that these eight key industrial sectors together contracted by 0.4% over their level in March last year. This was the worst performance in 19 months but was not unexpected. The supply constraints, fuel shortages, and general subdued economic sentiments due to the conflict were bound to take a toll on the economy, especially given India's dependence on imports. The private sector Manufacturing PMI for March also revealed a considerable slowdown, citing fewer fresh orders. Yet, the core sector data nonetheless make for a sobering read. Of the eight sectors, four contracted, one remained flat, and two witnessed sharp slowdowns. Notably, the worst performer was the fertilizer sector. This, too, was expected given the constraints on natural gas imports. While the domestic natural gas sector grew by a relatively robust 6.4%, the fertilizer sector contracted by 24.6% in March 2026. The implications of this are severe. The agriculture sector is already set for a tough year, with the India Meteorological Department predicting an El Niño-impacted below-normal monsoon this year. A poor harvest has a direct impact on rural demand, which is already far from robust. Sharp slowdowns in steel and cement production also show that construction activity has taken a hit as companies pause new investments. All of this – compounded by poor performances in the coal, crude oil, petroleum products and electricity sectors – dragged the overall index to its lowest full-year growth in 2025-26 since the COVID-19 pandemic hit the economy.

Most of the factors driving this recent slowdown are external. However, if they persist, they could turn India's economic tailwinds into substantial headwinds. The Narendra Modi government's first term was characterised by low inflation and high foreign investment. Domestic political momentum was such that voters also forgave devastating policy missteps such as demonetisation. The pandemic and the global turn away from China also worked to India's advantage in terms of foreign direct investment in the second term. Low oil prices in the beginning of the third term, leading up to the war in Iran, helped inflation stay low. Yet, signs were emerging that foreign investors, spooked by India's trade frictions with Donald Trump, were cooling off on the India story. Now the war has made it painfully clear that India is hostage to global dynamics. Inflation is rearing its head again. This, along with continued stagnation in household real incomes, means that the government will have to work that much harder to restore India's 'bright spot' sheen.

Invidious speech

ECI's inaction on the Prime Minister's violations of model code is troubling

While Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to the nation on April 18 differed from a speech he made at a similar election-eve juncture in 2019, it was nonetheless problematic. In 2019, following a successful anti-satellite missile test, private news channels aired a speech by Mr. Modi extolling the mission and his government's commitment to the country's technological prowess even as the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) was in force ahead of the general election. Late last week, Mr. Modi's transgression was greater as Doordarshan and Sansad TV broadcast his speech even as he accused the Congress, DMK, Trinamool Congress and Samajwadi Party of committing the "sin of foeticide" after they blocked the combined women's reservation and delimitation Bills, and suggested that women voters would punish them electorally in the Tamil Nadu and West Bengal elections on April 23. Thus far, the Opposition in Parliament as well as numerous academics and activists have written to the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) urging that the Election Commission of India (ECI) should sanction Mr. Modi for violating the MCC. In a familiar but also increasingly dispiriting turn, the ECI has yet to respond. It is expected to act reasonably quickly, as it has against Opposition parties.

Since the facts are not in dispute in this instance and the ECI's reluctance to sanction the Prime Minister has become well-known, it is hard to believe that the delay is benign. The constitutional body allowed the Prime Minister's monthly radio programme to continue broadcasting during the State polls in 2015 and 2017 and permitted NaMo TV to air in 2019 after prior approval of its contents. In 2024, the ECI issued a notice regarding a controversial speech by Mr. Modi in Rajasthan, but addressed it to the BJP president rather than to him. After the 2019 missile test, critics argued that the ECI's refusal to sanction had created a loophole whereby major announcements could be framed as 'official', thus having an electoral impact while affording the ECI plausible deniability. As the letter to the CEC specified, Mr. Modi's violation is clear if he delivered his address without the ECI's prior approval. If the ECI did approve it, it must explain why it saw fit to grant the Prime Minister this precious privilege, investigate the speech's contents, remove it from official platforms, and sanction Mr. Modi. The ECI's inaction – rendered more pronounced by the two States voting on April 23 – only reinforces its partisan character, and undermines the fairness of polls as well as its own credibility.

India must draw a red line on U.S. unilateral sanctions

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The dust – nuclear and otherwise – has yet to settle on how the United States-Israel war against Iran will ultimately end, but its impact on India's growth projections is evident. Already reeling from U.S. tariffs, the Indian economy has seen damage pile up due to the U.S.-Israel initiation of the war, Iran's targeting of Gulf countries, and now the 'double blockade' of the Strait of Hormuz by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and U.S. forces – manifested in rising energy bills, higher shipping and insurance costs, supply chain disruptions, a slump in exports (down 7% in March), and mounting inflation. The rupee's fall has resulted in India slipping from being projected to fourth spot, to sixth in terms of the largest economies rankings, according to the International Monetary Fund.

Break sanction alignment

India is by no means the only country thus affected, but as the world's most populous nation, it is bound to feel the effects more acutely. Given the little attention that the U.S. has paid to India's economic concerns, it is surprising that the Narendra Modi government continues to pay heed to U.S. unilateral sanctions amid the war. This month, as temporary waivers on many of those sanctions come up for renewal, it is time for New Delhi to unequivocally denounce them and declare that it will no longer abide by them.

A cursory list of U.S. sanctions with which India has partially or fully complied is both illustrative and eye-opening. Since May 2019, India has not purchased any Iranian or Venezuelan oil following U.S. President Donald Trump's demand for 'zeroing out. India faced similar secondary sanctions from the U.S., during 2012-14, when the Barack Obama administration used them as leverage in Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) negotiations (the Iran nuclear deal).

While India reduced its imports of Iranian oil from about 18.5 million tonnes in 2010-2011 to 11 million tonnes in 2013-2014, it never agreed to halt them altogether. In 2015, following the signing of the JCPOA, India stepped up its oil imports again and also signed a strategic connectivity trilateral agreement with Iran and Afghanistan to develop the Chabahar port, along with road and rail links connecting it to Afghanistan and Central Asia.

Early in his second term in 2025, Mr. Trump pushed India to end all its imports of Russian oil, adding a 25% penalty on top of existing 25% tariffs to enforce his demand. For three months – from November 2025 to February 2026 – India complied, halving its intake of about two million barrels per day (bpd) to one million bpd. As the U.S. has issued temporary sanctions waivers to deal with oil price hikes during the war with Iran, India has increased its intake of both Russian and Iranian oil, but will have to decide what to do once the waivers end.

Since the U.S. kidnapping of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro in January 2026 and the subsequent easing of sanctions, India's intake of Venezuelan oil has also increased. Meanwhile, the U.S.'s waiver extension on India's use of Chabahar port is set to expire on April 26. Mr. Trump has also said that he intends to impose sanctions on any country conducting trade with Iran or holding Iranian funds, and will sanction all BRICS members if they seek to establish a non-dollar payment mechanism among themselves

The result of all these on-again, off-again sanctions, waivers, extensions and exemptions is to defeat India's best efforts to diversify and broad-base its energy, food and fertilizer sourcing. India's decision not to protest the US's decision to go to war with Iran in the first place is presumably out of concern that the U.S. may come down even more heavily on the Indian economy.

"The sui generis 'whack-a-mole' nature of these measures only adds to their capriciousness," former Reserve Bank of India Governor Urjit Patel concludes in his book *The Great Sanctions Hack*. According to his research, the U.S. stands out as the world's main sanctioning power, having imposed 365 sanctions in the present century, with the European Union a distant second at about 133. Only 12 counter-sanctions by China, Russia and Iran are active. According to the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U.S. today maintains sanctions on at least 23 countries and has more than a dozen sanction regimes on specific issues (cyber-terror, non-proliferation, and foreign interference). The United Nations Security Council, in comparison, has only about 15 active sanction regimes in all.

Compliance increases coercion

It is therefore necessary to analyse India's experience with U.S. sanctions over the past decade and draw conclusions about the pros and cons of yielding to them. There is little evidence that yielding to unilateral U.S. sanctions curbs its appetite, as India's experience since 2019 shows; it instead leads to additional demands for compliance.

Conversely, when India ignored sanctions such as Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA) and purchased Russian S-400 air defence systems in 2018, it faced no U.S. penalties and benefitted from the decision, as during Operation Sindoor (May 2025). The "opportunity costs" of complying must also be calculated – had India continued to buy discounted sweeter Iranian crude or Venezuelan oil from 2019-25, as it did with Russian oil (2022-25), the government could have saved billions, and built strategic energy reserves (as China has) that would have been useful today.

Had India not complied with sanctions against the Chabahar port, built rail and road infrastructure in Iran, and not curtailed its plans for the International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC) through Iran's Bandar Abbas, it may have had connectivity in place that could have reduced its dependence on imports coming through the Strait of Hormuz today. Moreover, India's compliance with U.S. international sanctions has further weakened the rules-based international order and the UN's multilateral mandate.

Going forward, if the Indian government decides to turn course and announce a national resolve against unilateral sanctions, it will not only spur its own private sector to seek braver options but also inspire countries in the neighbourhood and the Global South to follow suit, pushing back on other coercive measures employed by big powers such as China as well.

The government has a number of avenues to pursue if it decides to do so – from building payment mechanisms such as the rupee-rial trade system with Iran, to developing national payment systems including intra-BRICS settlement arrangements, to using 'air-gapped' banking and financial institutions insulated from western pressure, as well as exponentially expanding renewable and alternative energy sources.

Unfortunately, by withdrawing its bid to host the United Nations Climate Conference of the Parties (COP33) in 2028, New Delhi may have lost an opportunity to lead discussions on such options in the wake of the war, but it must take advantage of other such forums to do so.

History as policy guide

Lessons from history are worth revisiting. In 1966, U.S. President Lyndon Johnson amended the United States' 'Food for Peace' (PL-480) law – formally the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 – under which India, then suffering from famine, received millions of tonnes of wheat. Johnson's amendments, called the "short-tether" policy, limited the U.S.'s grain shipments to monthly or bi-monthly approvals, leading to what was called a "ship to mouth" existence for India.

That the amendments followed closely on the heels of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's visit to Moscow – where she had called on Washington to stop bombing Vietnam to make space for peace efforts – was no coincidence, although the U.S. insisted that the changes were intended to spur agricultural reforms in India.

The move, and the subsequent international pressure for a major rupee devaluation, pushed the then neophyte Prime Minister into a corner. In a national address, Mrs Gandhi vowed that India should never again find itself in such a humiliating position, and intensified efforts toward the Green Revolution and agricultural self-sufficiency. A "New Green revolution" and energy independence can only follow if New Delhi draws a red line on U.S. sanctions in the next few weeks. These sanctions do not just harm India's economy. They also seek to bend India's foreign policy to another's will, and are a blow to its proudly-held tenets of strategic autonomy.

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For India to launch a new Green Revolution in energy independence, it must first rebuff U.S. sanctions

India's LPG crisis is the wake-up call it cannot ignore

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India is staring at an energy reality it can no longer ignore. The gas crisis of 2026, marked by liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) shortages, volatile liquefied natural gas (LNG) prices, and soaring import bills, is not a temporary disruption. It is a structural warning. For a country aiming to sustain high economic growth and emerge as a global manufacturing hub, energy insecurity is not just an inconvenience; it is a strategic risk. The real question is no longer whether India should act, but how quickly it can pivot toward self-reliance.

Unsustainable energy gap

The numbers tell a troubling story. India's crude oil import dependence has reached a staggering 88.6%, with domestic production unable to keep pace with rising demand. LNG imports are projected to hit 28 million metric tonnes (MMT)-29 MMT this year, even as domestic gas production meets barely half of the requirement. Meanwhile, energy demand is expected to triple by 2047.

This widening gap between demand and domestic supply is not sustainable. Every global price shock, geopolitical disruption, and currency fluctuation directly impacts India's economy – fuelling inflation, straining public finances, and exposing systemic vulnerabilities.

What makes the situation more concerning is that existing systems are clearly failing to keep up. India has invested in LNG infrastructure, with regasification capacity exceeding 50 MMT annually. Yet, utilisation remains stuck at 50%-60% due to pipeline constraints and demand mismatches. LPG supply chains are even more fragile, heavily dependent on imports from West Asia.

The recent disruptions – which led to shortages in cities such as Mumbai and Bengaluru and triggered price spikes of up to five times – highlight just how exposed India remains. Government interventions have helped manage the crisis in the short term, but they are reactive by design. They do not solve the fundamental problem: India's overdependence on imported fuels.

Decisive steps to take

And yet, the solution lies in plain sight. Compressed Biogas (CBG) offers India a rare combination of energy security, environmental sustainability and rural economic growth. The country has an estimated potential of 62 MMT of CBG annually from agricultural residues, animal waste, and municipal solid waste. But the current output is just 920 tonnes per day from 132 operational plants. This is not a resource constraint – it is an execution failure.

To be fair, the policy intent is strong. Initiatives such as Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) and Galvanising Organic Bio-Agro Resources (GOBAR-DHAN) have laid the groundwork, offering assured offtake, financial incentives, and a clear vision for a bioenergy ecosystem. But progress on the ground has been slow. Feedstock supply remains fragmented and unreliable. Financing is often delayed or inadequate. Regulatory approvals can take months. And the market for digestate – a key by-product – remains underdeveloped. In short, India has built the vision but not yet the system to deliver it at scale.

This is where decisive action is needed.

First, India must establish a national feedstock security framework. Without a reliable and predictable supply of biomass, no CBG project can succeed. This means State-wise mapping of feedstock availability, creation of aggregation models, and long-term contracts that give developers confidence. It also requires aligning feedstock types with suitable technologies to improve efficiency and viability.

Second, the regulatory and financial ecosystem must be streamlined. Single-window clearance systems are no longer optional; they are essential. Project developers should not spend six to nine months navigating approvals. At the same time, financial support mechanisms need to go beyond traditional subsidies. Viability gap funding, green bonds and carbon credit integration can significantly improve project economics and attract private investment.

Third, India must think beyond waste and actively promote dedicated energy crops. Napier grass, for instance, offers high yields and can serve as a reliable feedstock. Allocating even 2%-3% of agricultural land – particularly in regions with surplus production – can create a stable biomass base without compromising food security. This is not about replacing existing crops, but about strategic diversification.

Meaningful energy reform

If these interventions are implemented with urgency, the impact could be transformative. India can scale CBG production to 20 MMT by 2030. But the benefits go far beyond numbers. A robust CBG ecosystem would reduce stubble burning, improve air quality, create rural jobs and enhance farmer incomes. It would turn waste into wealth and shift India toward a truly circular economy.

The lesson from the current crisis is clear: incremental fixes will not work. India needs a structural shift in how it produces and consumes energy. The success of the ethanol blending programme shows that large-scale transformation is possible when policy clarity meets execution discipline. CBG can – and must – be the next big success story.

India's gas crisis is not just a challenge; it is a test of intent. The country can either continue to rely on volatile global markets or invest in building a resilient, domestic energy system. The choice should be obvious. The time to act is now.

A push towards Compressed Biogas (CBG) will ensure energy security, environmental sustainability, and rural economic growth

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The larger message

The defeat of the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026, which linked women's reservation to a new delimitation exercise in the Lok Sabha, is a great setback for the central government, which had sought to push the Bill through in what critics described as a move to undermine political representation from the southern States. This also highlights the strong opposition to the proposed redrawing of electoral maps. True women's empowerment rests on social justice, which cannot be achieved without a caste census and fair representation for all.

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Playing spoilsport

U.S. President Donald Trump's attempt to arm-twist Iran into agreeing to talks, with the aim of securing a subsequent deal, is, to say the least, pathetic. His firm refusal to lift the naval blockade of the Strait of Hormuz, along with the seizure of an Iranian cargo ship, suggests that neither the U.S. nor its staunch ally and partner in the war against Iran is interested in a lasting resolution to the crisis. What a figure such as Mr. Trump fails to recognise is Iran's right to set the terms for talks, as well as its right to refuse participation in negotiations where its views are disregarded. There is also a serious miscalculation — entrusting peace efforts to a rogue state such as Pakistan.

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Lunar governance should be multilateral

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The NASA Apollo 8 mission to the moon captured the iconic earthrise image the same year in which U.S. forces were responsible for the My Lai massacre in Vietnam. Similarly, on April 6, as the crew of the NASA Artemis II mission swung around the moon in their spacecraft, they photographed the earth rising above the lunar limb – an earthset – only months after the first casualty of coordinated strikes by the U.S. and Israel against Iran was a girls' primary school. The Refugees International president called it "likely the largest number of child casualties in a single U.S. military attack" since My Lai.

In Washington, the administration was simultaneously dismantling legal protections for immigrants, imposing tariffs which fall afoul of trade law, and enabling an Israeli military campaign in Gaza that the International Court of Justice has been scrutinising for genocide since January 2024. Thus, the country that asks the world to celebrate humankind's return to the moon has demonstrated a simultaneous contempt for human rights and international law.

Disregard for law, due process

The International Commission of Jurists and the Red Cross have found that U.S. and Israeli forces have struck multiple sites protected by international humanitarian law. Before the assault, the Pentagon had dismantled the Civilian Protection Center of Excellence and shelved a framework to avoid civilian harm, among other measures. In 2025, a UN commission confirmed that Israel was responsible for the ongoing genocide in Gaza, and the International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants for Israel's prime minister and former defence minister for war crimes. However, the U.S. continued to supply arms to Israel and responded to the warrants with sanctions against officials.

The Trump administration has also invoked the International Emergency Economic Powers Act in an unusual way to impose sweeping tariffs. While the World Trade Institute found the move violated the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs, there could be no relief as the U.S. has been blocking new appointments to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Appellate Body since 2019. Affected countries could file complaints and the U.S. could appeal, but the appeals would languish with a body that had been hollowed out.

Additionally, the U.S. administration has deported Venezuelan migrants, many with no gang affiliation, to notorious prisons – a process that the U.S. Supreme Court said violated due process rights. Independent estimates indicate that in Mr. Trump's second term as president, around six lakh people have so far been deported for alleged illegal immigration. Donald Trump has also asked whether due process protections should apply in such cases, as his administration continues to highlight the "success" of his deportation programme.

All these actions are of a nation whose principal policy is unmitigated self-interest, commitments be damned. And given the sustained manner in which the U.S. has applied this policy, it supervenes the universalism NASA invoked when it called its Artemis II mission "humanity's return to the moon".

> The U.S. asks the world to celebrate humankind's return to the moon. At the same time, it has demonstrated a simultaneous contempt for human rights and international law

Doesn't inspire confidence

In 2015, the U.S. passed a law that allows its citizens to possess, use, and sell resources extracted from the moon, and which the Artemis Accords use as a governing norm. Legal expert Christopher Newman has argued that the Accords are thus a mechanism for the U.S. to force other countries to accept its interpretation of resource rights. The lunar south pole contains water ice that can be used to make rocket fuel, enabling missions to Mars and beyond, but it is available only in finite quantities in a few locations. The Accords also introduce "safety zones" around lunar sites ostensibly to prevent harmful interference. They could in practice create exclusion zones around resource-rich areas, allowing early movers to consolidate control without formally violating the Outer Space Treaty. Thus, as the frameworks for managing these resources remain underdeveloped, the country moving fastest to fill the gap is one whose recent conduct inspires the least confidence.

The way forward

The U.S.'s space governance framework is more transparent than China's. The Accords also articulate principles of peaceful use and emergency assistance. However, Chinese leadership is not the sole alternative to U.S. leadership. The more important question is whether we should allow either power to set the rules unilaterally for a domain that belongs to all of humankind. Even the Accords sidestep the multilateral process of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in favour of forging bilateral agreements, while still formally acknowledging the Committee's role. In fact, they risk allowing practices among a subset of states to become the industry's rules before other states can reach consensus through multilateral negotiations. If the U.S. expects to be a credible leader in space, it must desist from erecting a governance architecture for the moon that, by excluding China, effectively sets up a confrontation. Instead, it must pursue treaty-level rules on lunar resources that give all nations a stake. This requires the U.S. to engage with the 1979 Moon Agreement, which calls for an international regime to govern their exploitation. While the claim that the Agreement deters private investment has merit, that is no reason to foreclose a multilateral framework.

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A clash of the titans in Telangana

The BRS leader has come back to the political scene with renewed vigour

STATE OF PLAY

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Telangana witnessed a high-voltage political showdown this week as two of its most influential leaders, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) held public meetings on the same day, at the same time, in the same district, each attempting to outmanoeuvre the other with sharp rhetoric and competing political narratives. The parallel meetings, marked by fiery speeches and pointed attacks, reflected not just a clash of personalities but a deeper contest to shape the evolving political discourse in the State.

For the ruling Congress, led by Mr. Reddy, the objective was to consolidate its position and reinforce the perception of political dominance. For Mr. Rao and the Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS), the meeting offered an opportunity to signal a resurgence after a series of electoral setbacks.

A confident comeback

At the heart of the BRS effort was Mr. Rao's meeting in Jagtial, which assumed significance as a senior Congress dissident T. Jeevan Reddy joined the party. After facing defeat in the 2023 Assembly elections, drawing a blank in Parliament elections, and with a not-so-encouraging performance in this year's urban local body polls, the BRS has been under pressure to revive both its organisational strength and public appeal. The Jagtial rally was designed to reconnect with the cadre and reassert the party's political relevance.

Mr. KCR appeared to make the most of the moment, unlike his public meetings during the State Assembly, and Parliament elections where he looked and sounded low on confidence. Now, appearing energetic and speaking with renewed vigour, Mr. KCR reverted to his characteristic style – combining humour and political critique in a conversational tone in his Telangana dialect.

Though the issues were old, the difference was his confidence. In fact, it was perhaps the first time in nearly three years that Mr. Rao openly expressed optimism about returning to power.

Central to his address was an attempt to redraw political battle lines. Mr. KCR invoked the emotional legacy of the Telangana statehood movement, his strongest political currency for the last 15 years, and in a direct attack, said the time had come to revive the movement to save a restructured Telangana. The speech was calibrated to energise the cadre and the party's foundational narrative.

He promised that his "first signature" upon returning to power would be to abolish the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA), an agency he criticised in the context of recent demolition drives in Hyderabad and in the Musi river belt.

The promise appeared to be aimed at tapping into urban anxieties as elections to the three municipal corporations of Hyderabad are on the horizon.

Various challenges

However, the public meeting comes at a time of great internal uncertainty for the BRS. The political move by his daughter, K. Kavitha, who is expected to launch a separate party in a few days, has added an element of curiosity to the meeting. Her determination to split the BRS vote and capture its cadre is a challenge that the BRS has to deal with.

If Mr. KCR's speech was aimed at revival, Mr. Revanth Reddy's address was designed to challenge. He told Mr. KCR to prepare for a decisive defeat, even going so far as to suggest that the BRS chief would struggle to retain his position as Leader of the Opposition. The Chief Minister was combative and appeared intent on sending a clear message that the Congress is not only secure in its current position but also determined to marginalise its principal political rival. The rhetoric was personal as well. By deploying strong language, such as terming Mr. KCR as "*Paapala Bhairavudu*" (a derogatory term meaning 'big sinner'), Mr. Reddy criticised the former CM for his role in the failures of the Kaleshwaram project and other alleged scams during the BRS regime.

The parallel rallies highlighted how political discourse in Telangana is being shaped less by institutional party frameworks and more by the personal appeal and style of these two influential icons.

The BRS and the Congress remain the principal political vehicles of the State, with its political atmosphere continuing to be shaped by the personalities of Mr. Revanth Reddy and Mr. KCR.

The cost of bringing down inflation in India, U.S. and U.K.

While the Fed pulled it off at near-zero cost to the U.S. economy, Britain paid with a recession; India avoided a downturn but now faces a currency crisis

DATA POINT

Areena Arora

Crude oil has crossed $120 a barrel since the conflict in West Asia began. Central banks that spent the last three years fighting the worst inflation in four decades are now staring down the barrel of another inflationary shock.

The last time central banks were faced with this dilemma was in 2022, when the world was reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic. Between 2022 and 2023, the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed), the Bank of England (BoE), and India's Reserve Bank of India (RBI) all raised interest rates in response to inflation. By 2025, prices had broadly retreated toward targets. But how much did it cost to get there?

Economists use a concept called the sacrifice ratio which measures the loss in economic output for every percentage point of inflation tackled. In the U.S., inflation peaked at 9.1% in June 2022. In Britain, the BoE watched prices rise by 11.1% in October that same year, the country's highest reading since 1981. In India, retail inflation touched 7.8% in April 2022, breaching the 2% to 6% target band set by the RBI.

Pandemic-era supply disruptions, trillions in government stimulus, and Russia's invasion of Ukraine pushed prices up globally. **Chart 1** shows when each central bank raised interest rates between 2021 and 2025, and when they began to pull back.

How the Fed's bet paid off

When inflation surged in 2021, most economists expected the Fed would have to trigger a recession to bring it down. The Fed began raising rates in March 2022, eventually hiking it by 11 times to a peak of 5.25% to 5.50% by July 2023.

Despite these aggressive rate hikes, the U.S. economy avoided a downturn. Supply chain bottlenecks ended faster than anticipated, energy prices fell and demand was robust. As a result, inflation was brought under control at an unusually low cost.

Economists estimated the U.S. sacrifice ratio at close to near-zero, meaning the economy gave up almost nothing in lost output for each percentage point of inflation it shed. Even though recession was avoided, the 2021-22 surge permanently raised the cost of groceries, rent, and fuel.

Britain's costly attempt

The BoE moved sooner, raising rates in December 2021, yet the country's inflation didn't budge. Britain relies heavily on imported energy, and its consumers were particularly exposed when Russia's invasion of Ukraine sent European gas prices soaring. A labour shortage pushed wages and the prices of services up.

The bank raised rates from 0.1% to a peak of 5.25% by August 2023, its fastest ever tightening cycle. The economy tipped into recession in late 2023. Britain's sacrifice ratio was hit accordingly. The economy absorbed a meaningful contraction in its output. Unemployment climbed to 5.2% in late 2025 from 3.8% in early 2024. CPI inflation was still 3.0% in February 2026, a full percentage point above the BoE's 2% target. While the Bank has been cutting rates since August 2024, the new energy shock from the West Asian conflict is expected to push inflation further, to between 3% and 3.5% in the coming months.

India's challenge

In India, the Monetary Policy Committee raised the repo rate – the rate at which the RBI lends to commercial banks – from 4% to 6.5% between May 2022 and February 2023, and held it there until early 2025. Through FY26, it cut rates by a cumulative 125 basis points. But at its April 2026 meeting, with the West Asian conflict pushing oil prices above $120 a barrel, the RBI paused the repo rate at 5.25% signalling that the easing cycle was on hold.

India's growth rate slowed from above 8% in 2023-24 to 6.5% in 2024-25, even as GDP didn't contract. Retail inflation fell from 5.4% in 2023-24 to 2.1% by mid-2025. The country's growth has slowed but the economy did not collapse and inflation has come down substantially. But, this outcome can at least partly be explained by the structure of India's economy. The RBI has itself acknowledged that rate changes take longer to filter through India's economy.

The numbers also reflect how inflation behaves in India. Food accounts for nearly 46% of India's consumer price basket, far higher than in the U.S. or the U.K., and food prices are driven more by seasonal patterns and government support prices than by RBI-set interest rates. When the RBI raises rates, it can dampen urban demand but it has limited power over factors that most directly affect consumers' wallets in India.

Chart 2 shows how inflation surged and retreated across all three economies between 2021 and 2025.

The rupee has also been hit hard in the conflict. It hit a record low of 95.22 per dollar on March 30, 2026, capping its steepest fiscal-year decline in over a decade. A weakening rupee makes imports more expensive. The April pause is, in part, a recognition of this bind – cutting rates further risks accelerating the rupee's slide, while hiking risks strangling a slowing economy.

All three central banks raised rates and brought inflation down, but the consequences varied sharply. The Fed absorbed the shock with minimal damage and a near-zero sacrifice ratio. Britain paid heavily in lost growth and a recession, and still missed its inflation target. India avoided a downturn, with a low sacrifice ratio, but is now facing a new front of pressure through its currency.

Cost of **curbs**

Data for the charts were sourced from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.K. Office for National Statistics, MoSPI, the Fed, Bank of England and Reserve Bank of India

1 In the process of curbing inflation, the U.S.'s Fed absorbed the shock with minimal damage, Britain paid heavily in lost growth and a recession, and **India's currency took a hit**

2 India's Monetary Policy Committee **raised the repo rate** to 6.5% in February 2023, and **held it there until early 2025**

Chart 1: The interest rates set by the central banks of select countries on January 1 of each year between 2021 and 2026 (in %). Between 2022 and 2023, the Fed, BoE, and India's RBI all raised interest rates in response to inflation

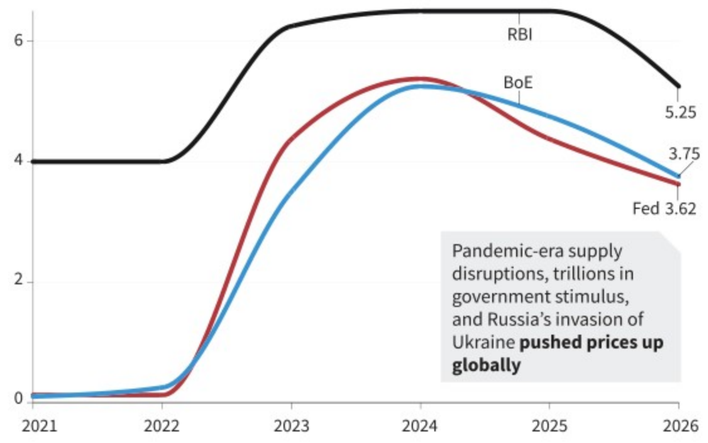
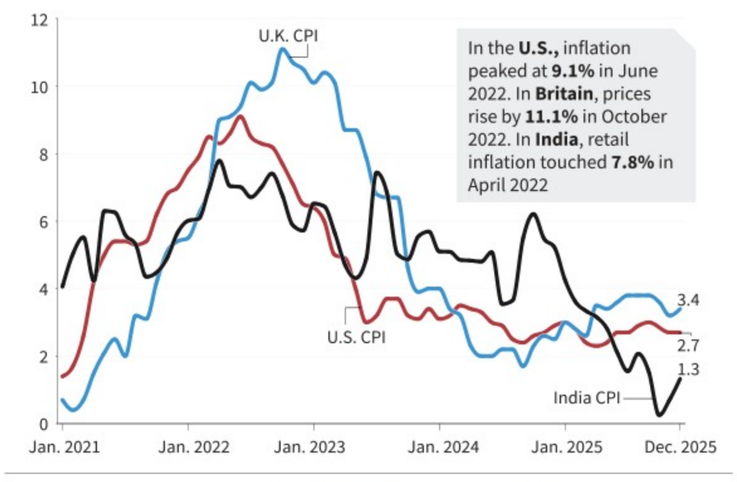


Chart 2: The chart shows inflation in the U.S., the U.K. and India between January 2021 and December 2025 (in %)



FROM THE ARCHIVES
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FIFTY YEARS AGO APRIL 22, 1976

Fresh drive for kitchen garden in Madras

Madras, April 21: The Tamil Nadu Government contemplates revival of the "city vegetable scheme" in Madras shortly. A fresh drive to promote kitchen gardening in the city by setting up booths for selling vegetable seeds, seedlings and other inputs at different places will be a feature of the scheme.

There are also plans to develop vegetable culture in the belt areas around the city for stepping up supply of fresh vegetables to city consumers.

The Government is also thinking in terms of developing horticultural green belts around important cities in the State to improve availability of vegetables in these cities. The green belts will be organised around Coimbatore, Salem, Madurai, Tiruchi and Tirunelveli.

The Agriculture department will make special efforts to maintain adequate supply of vegetable seeds at all its selling points, numbering about 400 located in the panchayat unions. Seeds for this purpose will be obtained from State seed farms, vegetable seed production centres of the department and the National Seed Corporation.

Seed production programmes will be taken up in two new centres.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO APRIL 22, 1926

Situation of pottery industry unfavourable

The situation in the Czechoslovak pottery industry has not been very favourable for some time, the majority of the factories suffering from a lack of foreign markets. On the home market also sales have decreased compared with a year ago owing to the quietness which prevails at present in the building industry. Only the kaolin works of Western Bohemia and the Rakovaik pottery factories have assured markets for their products. The former have received large orders from the German paper mills while the latter obtained a contract at the last autumn fair, in face of forty competitors, for the supply of considerable quantities of tiles for railway tunnels in the United States. An increasingly large number of glass workers are emigrating to France, especially to Bordeaux, where a large proportion of men employed are Czechoslovaks.

From Page One

U.S. violated truce, says Iran; talks uncertain

Earlier in the day, Mr. Trump also said Iran had violated the ceasefire "numerous times". In an interview with CNBC, he said the U.S. was "going to end up with a great deal" with Iran as "they have no choice". He added that the U.S. "is loaded up" to respond if Iran failed to make a deal. "We have so much ammo, so much of everything... We've used this to restock, and they probably have done a little bit of restocking. We're ready to go. The military is raring to go."

Pakistan's Information Minister Attaullah Tarar said on Tuesday that Islamabad continued its efforts to hold the talks between the two sides. As of 7.30 p.m. Pakistan time, a formal response about Iran's participation "is still awaited", he said in a statement. "Pakistan as the mediator is in constant touch with Iranians and pursuing the path of diplomacy and dialogue. Ceasefire ends at 4.50 a.m. PST, 22 April. Decision from Iran to attend the talks before the end of two weeks ceasefire is critical," Mr. Tarar added. "Pakistan has made sincere efforts to convince the Iranian leadership to participate in the second round of talks."

Mr. Trump announced the two-week ceasefire on April 8. On April 11, Vice President Vance held direct talks with an Iranian delegation led by Mr. Ghalibaf in Islamabad but they failed to reach a breakthrough. The next day, Mr. Trump enforced a blockade on ships going to and coming from Iranian ports. On Sunday, the U.S. military seized an Iran-flagged vessel in the Gulf of Oman.

Last week, Iran announced that it would reopen the Strait of Hormuz for commercial traffic but reversed its decision after Mr. Trump said the U.S. blockade would remain in place until there is a deal between the two countries.

On Tuesday, the Pentagon said the U.S. forces conducted "a right-of-visit, maritime interdiction" on a vessel in the Indo-Pacific waters. "Overnight, U.S. forces conducted a right-of-visit, maritime interdiction and boarding of the stateless sanctioned *M/T Tifani* without incident in the INDOPACOM area of responsibility,"it said in a statement.

Iran's Tasnim news agency reported on Tuesday that the U.S. naval blockade and "excessive demands" have prevented the new round of talks. "Iran is fully prepared for the possibility of war resuming and has also arranged new surprises for a potential new round of conflict," it said.

Blast at fireworks unit in Thrissur kills 13

Of the eight sheds operating at the site, five were gutted, with three of them housing large quantities of explosive materials. The deafening blast, heard kilometres away, initially caused panic among residents, many of whom mistook it for an earthquake. Thick plumes of smoke enveloped the area and the fire spread to nearby trees. Body parts were found scattered.

According to Thrissur Government Medical College sources, five of the injured are in critical condition. One victim has suffered over 90% burns, while four others have sustained around 70% burns. Several others are undergoing treatment at various hospitals.

The fireworks unit was operating under a licence issued in the name of Mundathikode Satheesh, who is among those reported to have suffered serious burns. The exact number of workers present at the time of the incident remains unconfirmed.

President Droupadi Murmu condoled the loss of lives on Tuesday and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured. "Saddened to learn about the loss of lives... My thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved families," Ms. Murmu said in a post on X.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief over the loss of lives, and announced an *ex gratia* of ₹2 lakh to the next of kin of the deceased and ₹50,000 for those injured.

Kuki, Naga villagers clash during Manipur shutdown

One person injured after security personnel opened fire to prevent a mob from storming venue of CM's event; shutdown called by Meitei women's groups and social organisations enters third day

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GUWAHATI

Tensions prevail: Protesters gathered to block the vehicle of Manipur CM Yumnam Khemchand allow an oxygen supply van to pass during a shutdown in Thoubal on Tuesday. ANI

Clashes broke out between Kuki and Naga villagers in Kangpokpi district of Manipur on Tuesday during a shutdown called by the United Naga Council in protest against the killing of two highway passengers on April 18.

Officials said the clashes in Kangpokpi – a Kuki-majority district – had broken out hours after the three-day shutdown took effect on Tuesday. There were reports of stone-throwing and firing, allegedly by extremists.

Separately, a person sustained bullet injuries after security personnel opened fire to prevent a mob from storming the venue of Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh's programme in Thoubal district of the Meitei-dominated Imphal Valley.

Protesters demanding the arrest of those responsible for the killing of two minors in Bishnupur district a few days ago blocked a highway that the Chief Minister was scheduled to use to inaugurate a block development office at Wangjing Tentha in Thoubal district. He later travelled to the location and returned to Imphal, the State's capital, by helicopter.

The police said a large group of people, allegedly armed with stones and catapults, advanced towards the function venue during the Chief Minister's visit.

"Despite repeated warnings and appeals to disperse, the crowd continued to move aggressively, posing a serious threat. In view of the escalating situation, the minimum necessary force was applied. As a last resort, controlled firing was undertaken in strict adherence to established protocols to disperse the mob and neutralise the threat," the police said in a statement.

The situation was later brought under control, but an individual, who was part of the mob, sustained an injury.

The Chief Minister resented the opposition to his visit. "I recently visited many hill districts, and there was no opposition. I am surprised by the protest against my visit to Thoubal," he said, addressing a gathering at the event. He insisted that differences could be sorted out through dialogue. "All solutions come after talks between the parties involved," he said.

Meanwhile, a separate shutdown called by Meitei women's groups and social organisations kept much of the Imphal Valley tense for the third successive day. The shutdown from April 19, initially for five days, has now been extended to seven days.

Tourists pay tribute at the Baisaran memorial on Tuesday, ahead of the first anniversary of the Pahalgam terror attack. IMRAN NISSAR

Post Pahalgam terror attack, security grid in Kashmir has been overhauled: official

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NEW DELHI

SOG of J&K Police was 're-energised' and younger officers were made part of the crack teams

After the terror attack in Pahalgam last year, the Jammu and Kashmir Police and other security forces returned to the jungles. From training personnel in jungle warfare to establishing temporary operating bases in the upper reaches at altitudes up to 7,000 feet, the police and Central security forces reoriented their approach to track down terrorist modules, a senior government official told *The Hindu*.

The ghastly terror attack on April 22, 2025, on the Baisaran meadow, which left 26 people dead, mostly tourists, led to a complete overhaul of the security grid in the Kashmir Valley as well as the Jammu region. The Valley had not seen an attack of this scale on tourists in nearly a decade.

Unlike in the past, when terrorists would hide or seek shelter in crowded areas, the strategy has shifted in the past two years in the Kashmir Valley and since mid-2021 in the Jammu region.

150 personnel killed

Since mid-2021, targeted terror activities, which included attacks against security forces and infiltration, had been reported in higher numbers in the Chenab Valley, comprising Doda, Kishtwar, and Ramban districts, as well as the Pir Panjal region, comprising Rajouri and Poonch districts of Jammu, compared with the Kashmir Valley. Around 150 security personnel have been killed in ambush by terrorists since 2021.

The three Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists from Pakistan – Suleman, alias Faizal Jatt; Hamza Afghani; and Zibran – responsible for the Pahalgam terror attack were killed in the Dachigam forest, around 20 km from Srinagar, on July 28 last year. The operation, code-named Mahadev, was preceded by security forces scanning a 300 sq. km forest area on foot for more than 60 days. The official said the terrorists were sighted multiple times in the forest, but they managed to escape.

After the Pahalgam terror attack, just one local person from J&K has physically joined the terrorist ranks, the official said, adding that overall only five local persons remain with the terrorist groups, which explains the presence of a proportionately higher number of foreign terrorists, around 65, who have been active in J&K over the past few years.

The official said the terrorists had chosen Baisaran as they could not get any other "soft target". The terror attack also led to a review of the security grid in the Union Territory.

The Special Operations Group (SOG) of the J&K Police was "re-energised", and younger officers were made part of the crack teams. The SOGs received training alongside the Greyhounds, the elite anti-Maoist force of the Andhra Pradesh Police, and the Para (Special Forces) of the Army, the official added. Over 40 temporary operating bases have come up in the forest areas, and security forces conduct long-range patrols frequently.

"Greyhounds have been the pioneers in counter-insurgency operations in forest areas against the Maoists. As the terrorist groups changed tactics and instead of urban areas, they created bases in forests and upper reaches, a realignment in training was required. There were instances when decapitation of security personnel also occurred. We are the ones chasing them now," said the official.

Tech-driven warfare

According to sources in the Army, recent operational lessons highlight a decisive shift towards technology-driven warfare. Precision weapons, loitering munitions, and kamikaze drones have proven highly effective, while air defence systems successfully neutralised multiple aerial threats, safeguarding military and civilian assets.

Drone warfare has expanded rapidly, creating congested airspace that demands refined, decentralised control, and robust counter-drone strategies.

"Dense forest areas continue to pose operational challenges, requiring specialised units and sustained patrols. The focus on indigenous defence production has intensified. Simultaneously, modernisation of equipment, induction of attack helicopters, and advancements in secure, network-centric communication systems are transforming operational readiness and battlefield effectiveness," an Army source said.

Congress leader Venugopal submits privilege notice against PM to LS Speaker

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K.C. Venugopal

Congress general secretary K. C. Venugopal submitted a privilege notice against Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday for "casting aspersions on and imputing motives" to the Opposition members for voting against the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026, which sought to link delimitation and expansion of Lok Sabha seats with women's reservation.

In his notice to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Mr. Venugopal alleged a "clear and deliberate breach of privilege" by Mr. Modi, and said the matter should be referred to the Committee on Privileges for inquiry.

Invoking Rule 222 of the Rules of Procedure, Mr. Venugopal said the Prime Minister, in his April 18 televised address to the nation following the Bill's defeat in the Lok Sabha, made "direct reflections" on the voting behaviour of Opposition MPs and attributed motives to them. The Bill had failed to secure the two-thirds majority required under Article 368.

"I urge you, the Hon'ble Speaker, to take immediate and decisive steps to uphold the sanctity of the Parliament and the constitutional protections afforded to its members, so that such violations are neither ignored nor repeated," the notice said.

Posting Mr. Venugopal's letter on his X handle, Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh said that a Prime Minister's address is meant for moments of unity and reassurance. "The Prime Minister's unabashed partisan demagoguery during this address – with 59 different attacks on the Congress party – will be yet another permanent stain on his record as Prime Minister," Mr. Ramesh said.

Mr. Venugopal, in his notice, argued that imputing motives to members for their votes constitutes a "gross breach of privilege and contempt of the House", as parliamentary convention bars any reflection on the conduct of MPs in the discharge of their duties.

Questioning elected representatives for their voting, he said, was "a direct affront to the authority of Parliament and the democratic rights of the people".

BJP seeks EC action against Kharge for remark on PM

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The BJP on Tuesday sought action against Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge for his "terrorist" remark against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, terming it a violation of the Model Code of Conduct.

In a complaint to the Election Commission, the BJP said such "rhetoric undermined free and fair elections". The party said that describing "the country's tallest political leader" as a "terrorist" for electoral purposes was a "gross violation" of the MCC.

The BJP said Mr. Kharge must be directed to submit a public apology, and corrective measures should be imposed on him.

At a press conference in Chennai on Tuesday, Mr. Kharge had initially referred to the Prime Minister as a "terrorist" while criticising the AIADMK's alliance with the BJP.

Deal inked for critical equipment for battle tanks

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NEW DELHI

The Defence Ministry on Tuesday signed contracts worth approximately ₹975 crore with Bharat Earth Movers Ltd. (BEML) and Electro Pneumatics and Hydraulics (India) Private Ltd. for the procurement of TRAWL Assemblies for T-72 and T-90 tanks.

The agreements were inked in the presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh in New Delhi.

According to the Ministry, the TRAWL Assembly, developed by the DRDO, is a critical system designed to enhance the Indian Army's minefield breaching capabilities. It enables the creation of vehicle-safe lanes through minefields.

'Ghazwa-e-Hind' conspiracy: Gujarat ATS arrests two men

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A social media trail has led the Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) to arrest two people accused of allegedly plotting activities against national security and attempting to radicalise youth online, officials said.

According to investigators, the suspects were allegedly working towards building a network with the intent of carrying out attacks and promoting the idea of "*Ghazwa-e-Hind*".

Authorities said the duo had identified potential targets, including political figures associated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

Officials received information regarding Irfan Kalekhan Pathan, 22, a resident of Siddhpur in Patan district, who was allegedly under the influence of extremist ideology.

ATS officials summoned Pathan for questioning. A preliminary analysis of his mobile phone reportedly revealed communication with individuals suspected to have links with the Islamic State, and other radical elements through social media, officials said.

Officials also identified the alleged involvement of Murshid Zahid Akhtar Sheikh, 21, a resident of Sakinaka in Mumbai. The team, with support from the Maharashtra Police, detained Sheikh.

A local court on Tuesday remanded both to 11 days of ATS custody.

SRMIST, *The Hindu* to host a webinar on public health

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CHENNAI

The SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST) and *The Hindu* will organise a webinar on "Public health in India: from reactive care to preventive ecosystems" on Saturday, exploring the evolving healthcare landscape with a focus on the shift from curative to preventive care. It is part of the Future Career Conversations series.

Policy and practice

The discussion will dwell upon key policy developments, the role of data, AI, and telemedicine in strengthening public health systems, and the need to bridge the urban-rural healthcare divide, while examining lessons from recent challenges such as the pandemic and the importance of building resilient and inclusive healthcare ecosystems.

The session will also provide insights into academic pathways, career opportunities in the field

Soumya Swaminathan, Chairperson, M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, and Principal Adviser, National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India; J. Amalorpavanathan, Member, State Planning Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu; Hari Singh, Dean, School of Public Health, SRMIST; and Prakash M., Associate Professor, School of Public Health, SRMIST, would be the resource persons for the webinar, which will be moderated by Athira Elssa Johnson, Senior Reporter, *The Hindu*.

The panellists will provide insights into emerging trends in public health, growing relevance of preventive healthcare, and academic pathways and career opportunities in the field. It will be held at 11.30 a.m. Those interested may register on newsth.live/THSRMPE

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Saravanan

Heated campaign ends on hectic note as parties trade charges

Voting for 152 seats across 16 districts to be held in West Bengal tomorrow; Mamata, Shah, Abhishek and Delhi CM hold rallies in support of their parties; 2,450 companies of Central paramilitary forces have been deployed for the election

Shiv Sahay Singh
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In full swing: West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee during an election campaign in Jorasanko constituency and Union Home Minister Amit Shah playing a traditional drum during rally in Chandipur. PTI

Campaigning for the first phase of the West Bengal Assembly elections ended on Tuesday. Polling will be held for 152 seats across 16 districts and about 3.6 crore voters will determine the fate of 1,452 candidates.

All the districts in north Bengal and several districts in the south will go to the polls on Thursday. In the north, Cooch Behar, Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri, Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur, and Malda districts will vote. In south Bengal, Murshidabad, Paschim Bardhaman, Birbhum, Purba Medinipur, Paschim Medinipur, Bankura, Purulia, and Jhargram will go to the polls.

A record 2,450 companies of Central paramilitary forces that comprise nearly 2.5 lakh personnel have been deployed by the Election Commission for the polls. The poll body is implementing 100% webcasting across all 152 constituencies, backed by AI that triggers instant alerts for overcrowding or booth jamming. West Bengal Chief Electoral Officer Manoj Kumar Agarwal has declared a "zero tolerance" policy, stating that any irregularities caught by these "AI Eyes" will result in an immediate repoll. Over 8,000 booths, primarily in Murshidabad, Malda, and Cooch Behar, have been classified as "super-sensitive".

Violence breaks out

Despite the high deployment of Central police forces, violence erupted in the Dantan Assembly constituency in Paschim Medinipur during a rally of BJP candidate Ajit Kumar Jana. Several motorbikes were set on fire and the BJP candidate sustained injuries in the clashes. He was seen going around with a hand in a cast. He said that his car was attacked by Trinamool Congress workers and the windows were smashed.

Similar clashes were reported from Durgapur as the BJP said that its rally was attacked by Trinamool workers. Central forces and the police stepped in to control the situation. Slogans and counter-slogans reverberated through the neighbourhoods.

There was hectic campaigning by leaders across political parties on the last day of campaign with Union Home Minister Amit Shah addressing a rally at Sukna in Darjeeling district. Mr. Shah promised a solution to the Gurkha issue if the BJP was voted to power.

He said that Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee wants to make her nephew the Chief Minister of the State, but her wish will not be fulfilled after this election. Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta joined her party's campaign and held a roadshow at Asansol in Paschim Bardhaman.

Ms. Banerjee held a public meeting in Haldia and said that "no one wants the BJP to form a government" in Bengal. "The BJP will not win the elections in West Bengal this time. The Trinamool Congress will again form the government. We will also throw out the BJP from Delhi in 2026 itself," she said.

Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee said the West Bengal elections were turning out to be an "all against one" contest.

"On one side there is a Bengali woman, and on the other side there is the Prime Minister, Home Minister, Defence Minister, Finance Minister, Chief Ministers of 16 States, ED, CBI, High Court, Supreme Court, paramilitary forces, Central forces and the Election Commission," he said.

The key candidates from the BJP contesting the polls are Suvendu Adhikari from Nandigram, Dilip Ghosh from Kharagpur Sadar, and Agnimitra Paul from Asansol Dakshin.

The Trinamool candidates whose fate will be decided in this phase are Ministers Udayan Guha from Dinhata and Chandranath Sinha from Bolpur. Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury is contesting from Baharampur in Murshidabad.

The Trinamool is seeking to return to power for the fourth straight term on the promise of welfarism and Bengali identity and culture. The BJP wants to defeat it on grounds of illegal infiltration and lack of industries. The Congress and the CPI(M)-led Left Front are also in the contests and have put up a promising campaign in central Bengal, particularly in the districts of Malda and Murshidabad.

Power of vote, strength of self-reliance: tea garden workers plan a new course

Shiv Sahay Singh
ALIPURDUAR

Women from the Garganda tea garden in Alipurduar district who are trying to set up a cooperative to run its operations. SHIV SAHAY SINGH

Basanti Naik, the widow of tea garden worker Gunjan Naik, who died in June 2025 in the Garganda tea garden of Alipurduar district in West Bengal, survives solely on foodgrains provided under her Antyodaya Ann Yojana (AAY) card.

The 51-year-old, also a tea garden worker, is too weak to work. Wages at the garden, run by the Merico Group, have been irregular. But officially, the garden is not closed, and workers do not get any assistance under the Financial Assistance to the Workers of Locked Out Industries (FAWLOI) scheme, which those of closed tea gardens are entitled to. The only cash Basanti Naik receives is ₹1,500 under the West Bengal government's Lakshmir Bhandar scheme.

But many women in the Garganda tea garden have decided to take matters into their own hands. "If Mamata Banerjee can run the State, we can manage a tea garden," Sonika Sahu, one of the workers, said.

"We approached everyone with our demands, but nobody paid heed. So we have decided to run the tea garden as a cooperative," she said.

Amid the high-pitched campaign for the Assembly polls, tea garden workers have turned out to be an important constituency for parties. The districts of Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri, and Darjeeling have nearly 20 seats, where the fate of the candidates depends on tea garden workers.

Many promises

During a campaign, Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee promised to increase daily wages from ₹250 to ₹300, pointing out that when the party came to power in 2011, the wages were only ₹67.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while campaigning across the State, raised the plight of tea garden workers but blamed the Trinamool for their condition. He alleged that the party has not implemented the PM Cha Shramik Protsahan Yojana in tea gardens. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that around 3.79 lakh tea garden workers had been denied benefits because of non-implementation of the scheme.

"We think we will be able to run the tea garden successfully in the future, and we will vote for those who support the cooperative," said Shyamoli Oraon, one of the workers at Madhu Tea Garden in the Kalchini Assembly constituency.

Like Garganda, Madhu Tea Garden has witnessed death due to malnutrition. Dhani Oraon (58), a permanent worker of the garden, died from severe malnutrition in February 2024. Asarani Oraon, the widow of Dhani Oraon, receives neither Lakshmir Bhandar benefits nor AAY support.

Amid the prevailing distress, candidates across political parties have been reaching out to tea garden workers during the election season.

On April 12, candidates from different political parties reached out to the workers of eight tea gardens under the Madarihat assembly seat and listened to their demands, which included non-payment of wages and pending Provident Fund (PF) dues.

Gauhati High Court orders Assam to stop buffalo fights

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The Gauhati High Court has directed the Assam government to ensure that no buffalo fights (Moh-Juj) take place in the State and to initiate appropriate penal action against any organisers of such events until further orders.

Justice Anjan Moni Kalita heard the case on April 4. The interim order, released on Tuesday, was passed following a writ petition filed by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals India (PETA), citing illegal buffalo fights conducted in Assam during Magh Bihu in January.

It had filed new photographic evidence of alleged cruelty to buffaloes before the Gauhati High Court.

Sharad Pawar hospitalised, will not vote in Baramati Assembly bypoll tomorrow

Vinaya Deshpande Pandit
MUMBAI

Sharad Pawar

Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar) president Sharad Pawar has been admitted to hospital in Mumbai owing to "deteriorating health".

In a post on X on Tuesday evening, he said that owing to his hospitalisation, he will not be able to vote in the Baramati Assembly byelection to be held on Thursday.

The bypoll was necessitated by the death of his nephew, Ajit Pawar, in a plane crash in January.

The NCP veteran has appealed to the residents of Baramati to vote for Ajit's wife, Sunetra Pawar, as a tribute to the deceased leader.

Ms. Pawar is currently the Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra. The NCP (SP) is part of the Opposition INDIA bloc or Maha Vikas Aghadi at the State level.

Forbidden from travel

"From the first election I contested in 1967, I have unwaveringly exercised my right to vote in the Baramati constituency. Now, in 2026, this byelection in the Baramati Assembly constituency is taking place against the sorrowful backdrop of the tragic and untimely demise of Maharashtra's beloved and popular leader, the late Ajit Pawar. I had decided to come to Baramati for this byelection and vote, in keeping with the tradition I have followed so far. Unfortunately, due to my deteriorating health, I had to be admitted to a hospital in Mumbai. The doctors have forbidden me from travelling outside Mumbai... As a result, with a heavy heart, I have had to take the decision to stay away from voting," the 85-year-old leader said in his post.

BJP leader tucks into fish, sends across a political message

Shrabana Chatterjee
KOLKATA

Bharatiya Janata Party MP Anurag Thakur participated in a public show of eating fish during a poll campaign in West Bengal on Tuesday. This comes as the saffron party tries to distance itself from the "vegetarian-only" image in Bengal's predominantly non-vegetarian society.

Mr. Thakur was in Kolkata to campaign for candidates and was seen eating fish and meat along with party workers at a local hotel in the city.

"The BJP has Chief Ministers in 16 States. There people can eat whatever they want and they can practise whichever religion they want. We do not want to impose restrictions on food or religion," Mr. Thakur said.

He accused West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of spreading misinformation against the BJP as a ploy to malign its image and misguide voters.

Fish has found itself in the centre of attention on multiple occasions as candidates across party lines tried to use the staple Bengali food to connect to voters.

From Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Home Minister Amit Shah, the debate reached the campaign speeches of the top brass of the BJP as they tried to shed their "outsider" and "vegetarian" image.

The Trinamool Congress claimed that if the BJP came to power it would ban fish and meat.

Leadership change: Party national president Nitish Kumar addressing JD(U) Legislature Party meeting on Monday. PTI

Shrawon Kumar takes over as Legislature Party leader of JD(U)

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Eight-time MLA Shrawon Kumar was appointed leader of the Janata Dal(U) Legislature Party on Tuesday. The appointment was notified by the Bihar Legislative Assembly after JD(U) working president Sanjay Kumar Jha informed the House Secretariat about it.

On Monday, JD(U) national president Nitish Kumar was authorised by the party to decide on its Legislature Party leader.

Mr. Shrawon Kumar, Nalanda MLA, is considered close to the former Chief Minister, with both leaders hailing from the same district and the Kurmi caste.

"Heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to MLA Sharwon Kumar on being appointed as the leader of the JD(U) Legislature Party by the national president of JD(U), Nitish Kumar. We are fully confident that under your leadership, the party will gain new direction and strength. With your experience, dedication and commitment to public welfare, Bihar's development will receive fresh momentum. May God grant you the strength to successfully fulfil your duties and live up to the expectations of the people," Mr. Jha said in a post on the social media platform X.

The post fell vacant after Mr. Nitish resigned as Chief Minister on April 14. He has picked a leader from his caste to keep his vote bank intact, and send a message to his supporters, sources in the JD(U) said.

No experimentation

"Nitish Kumar did not want to experiment after his resignation, so he chose a leader from his caste to maintain the 'Luv-Kush' (Kurmi and Kushwaha-Koiri caste) equation in the Assembly since Samrat Choudhary, who belongs to the Koiri community, is occupying the post of Chief Minister," a senior JD(U) leader told *The Hindu*.

The "Luv-Kush" communities are Mr. Nitish Kumar's core vote bank, and an influential Other Backward Class (OBC) grouping, which has played an important role in keeping him in power for more than two decades.

Meanwhile, Nishant Kumar, Mr. Nitish's son, following a meeting with the leaders from the Magadh and Patna divisions, has announced he would be touring Bihar from May 3.

Notice issued to Pappu Yadav for his remarks on women in politics

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

Pappu Yadav

The Bihar State Women's Commission on Tuesday took *suo motu* cognisance of "uncharitable" comments on women in politics made by Purnea MP Rajesh Ranjan, alias Pappu Yadav, and issued him notice.

The panel has asked Mr. Yadav to explain why he had made such remarks and why a recommendation should not be sent to the Lok Sabha Speaker seeking to declare his membership null and void.

"In a video on social media, you've made uncharitable remarks against women politicians, hurting their self-respect and social dignity," the notice said. The commission has sought a reply from Mr. Yadav within three days.

Mr. Yadav had made the comments while speaking on the 131st Constitutional (Amendment) Bill, 2026 – which failed to pass in the Lok Sabha.

Reacting to the comments, the BJP immediately sought an apology, terming his remarks "shocking". "Shocker statement! When a nation is pushing for *Nari* (women) *Shakti* (power), see what the Congress-supported MP is saying? This is their mindset," said BJP leader Shehzad Poonawalla in a social media post.

Mr. Yadav later told presspersons that his comments were not "intended to disparage women but to highlight the alleged sexual exploitation of women in politics by male politicians".

Gauhati HC reserves order on Khera's anticipatory bail plea

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Pawan Khera

The Gauhati High Court on Tuesday reserved its order on Congress leader Pawan Khera's plea for an anticipatory bail in connection with a criminal case registered against him by the Assam Police's Crime Branch in Guwahati.

The case was based on a complaint filed by Riniki Bhuyan Sharma, wife of Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, who accused Mr. Khera of falsely claiming that she held multiple passports and undisclosed foreign assets.

A single Bench of Justice Parthiv Jyoti Saikia heard arguments from both sides for more than three hours before reserving the verdict. Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Mr. Khera via video conferencing, argued that his client was "not a flight risk", and that custodial interrogation was unnecessary. Referring to Mr. Sarma's statements, he submitted that the case stemmed from political vendetta.

'Serious offences'

Opposing the plea, Assam's Advocate-General Devajit Saikia argued that the case involved serious offences, including cheating and forgery, and was not limited to defamation.

He had approached the court seeking bail after the case was filed under various Sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Earlier, the Telangana High Court granted him a seven-day transit anticipatory bail, which the Supreme Court later stayed.

INBRIEF

Indian Army chief holds talks with U.S. Army's Pacific head

The Chief of the Army Staff, General Upendra Dwivedi, held high-level talks with General Ronald P. Clark, Commanding General of the United States Army Pacific, in Honolulu, the capital of Hawaii, focusing on strengthening defence cooperation and advancing a shared vision for peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. Upon arrival at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, General Dwivedi was accorded a ceremonial Guard of Honour. "The COAS undertook an aerial tour of Oahu island to gain insights into the U.S. Army's training ecosystem and multi-domain operational readiness," the Indian Army posted on social media platform X.

Over 200 fall ill after wedding feast in Gujarat's Dahod

A wedding celebration in Gujarat's Dahod district turned into a medical emergency after hundreds of guests reported illness shortly after the feast, officials said on Tuesday. Over 200 villagers are suspected to have suffered food poisoning after the feast at Abhlod village on Monday night. Of them, at least 59 have been admitted to hospitals, with doctors saying all patients are currently stable. Dahod Collector Yogesh Nirgude said 230 attendees experienced symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhoea, and abdominal pain roughly three hours after the meal. Nearly 400 guests had partaken in the dinner, which included mango juice, around 8 p.m.

India-Africa Summit to focus on development inititatives

The upcoming summit is being held more than a decade after the third IAFS in October 2015; will provide India with an opportunity to take stock of its strategic and diplomatic footprint in Africa

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Development initiatives, education, capacity building, expansion of diplomatic footprint, and defence cooperation are expected to be on the agenda when New Delhi hosts the Fourth India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS) 2026 in May-end, official sources said on Tuesday. Plans for the summit will be presented by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Thursday, the Ministry of External Affairs has announced.

India has been holding consultations with partner countries in Africa as the plans for the IAFS have been under way for some time. In March, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal met with Ministers and diplomats of the Africa Group members on the sidelines of the 14th World Trade Organisation (WTO) Ministerial Conference in Yaoundé, Cameroon where he discussed plans for expanding India's investment agenda in Africa and the upcoming summit in India.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar chairing a consultative committee meeting on India-Africa ties in New Delhi on April 7. ANI

The upcoming summit is especially significant as it is being held after more than a decade as the third IAFS was held in October 2015. The fourth IAFS has an additional dimension as it is being organised against the backdrop of supply chain disruption that has gripped the global economy following U.S.-Israel attack on Iran.

Stable supply chain

Analysts are saying that unlike the energy disruption in the Gulf region, Africa does not have a similar supply chain shock potential for India as despite nearly 50 conflicts on the continent, supply chains of critical items remain stable.

However, India will have to ensure that it matches its commitment to African states with implementation. "As of now, India is able to implement only 40% of what it commits to Africa. This has to improve significantly so that what India commits is fully implemented on the ground in Africa," said Ajay Dubey, Distinguished Fellow at the Chintan Research Foundation (CRF).

Mr. Dubey pointed out that Line of Credit was no longer popular in Africa where countries now expect India to come up with Foreign Direct Investment. "For that, Indian big business has to step in. But can they avoid the western dominance of African continent while investing in critical areas? That is what we have to see," said Mr. Dubey, arguing that Indian attempts for engaging Africa in "small and medium enterprises" was not attractive to African partners anymore as they were looking for investments from the Global South leaders as well.

The summit will provide India with an opportunity to highlight some of the latest initiatives that the Government of India has undertaken like the opening of the IIT Madras campus in Zanzibar and it will also provide India to take stock of its strategic and diplomatic footprint in the vast continent.

India has already opened 16 new missions in Africa since 2018 which has pushed India's diplomatic presence to 45 countries in the continent and the summit will provide an opportunity to take stock of its diplomatic outreach among the member countries of the African Union.

Govt. moots stricter norms for content generated using AI

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

IT Ministry extends the deadline for stakeholder feedback to May 7 from the earlier April 29

The Union government on Tuesday mooted stricter disclosure norms for AI-generated content, proposing tweaks to IT rules that would require clear and continuous labels identifying synthetically generated information to be visible throughout the entire duration of the visual display.

In a notice, the IT Ministry said the wording "ensures prominent visibility in the visual display" would be substituted by "ensures continuous and clearly visible display of such label throughout the duration of the content, in a visual display".

Adding this to the draft IT Rules amendment that, among other changes, also proposes to bring independent news creators on the Centre's radar and mandate compliance with advisories, the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has extended the deadline for stakeholder feedback to May 7 from the once-already-extended timeline of April 29, 2026.

The submissions would be held in fiduciary capacity in MeitY and not be disclosed to anyone at any stage, enabling persons to submit feedback/comments freely without any hesitation, the Ministry emphasised.

Earlier this year, the government tightened rules for social media platforms such as YouTube and X, mandating the takedown of unlawful content within three hours, and requiring clear labelling of all AI-generated and synthetic content. At that time, the government said the move was necessitated by the growing misuse of Artificial Intelligence to create and circulate obscene, deceptive, and fake content on social media platforms.

Another flashpoint in the draft amendments to IT rules is the proposal to mandate intermediaries' compliance with IT Ministry-issued clarifications, advisories, SOPs and guidelines – a move that the civil society has pushed back against, saying it is akin to bringing information instruments not part of the parent statute into a legal ambit.

SC directs committee to formulate plan for disabled-friendly prisons

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked a high-powered committee, tasked with streamlining and improving open correctional institutions across the country, to expand its ambit and formulate a comprehensive plan to make prisons disabled-friendly while taking into consideration security requirements. The panel is chaired by Justice S. Ravindra Bhat (retd), former Supreme Court judge.

"The rights of prisoners with disabilities must be recognised and effectuated in a manner that accords with a humane, rights-based approach, ensuring that incarceration does not, in any manner, dilute or abridge the fundamental protections enshrined under Articles 14 [right to equal treatment] and 21 [right to dignified life] of the Constitution," a Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta observed in an order.

The order is the latest in a series passed by the Supreme Court on a petition filed by Sathyan Naravoor, represented by advocates Kaleeswaram Raj and Thulasi K. Raj, highlighting the traumatic and inhumane prison conditions suffered by activists G. Saibaba and Stan Swamy.

The demise of Saibaba, a scholar and human rights activist with disabilities, was directly attributable to his deteriorating health, exacerbated by prolonged incarceration and the inhumane conditions of his detention. Mr. Swamy, who suffered from Parkinson's syndrome, was denied a sipper cup in prison.

In an earlier order in February, the court had made it clear that prison authorities who abuse disabled prisoners would be penalised under the Right to Persons with Disabilities Act (RPwD) Act.

On Tuesday, the court found that a high-powered committee was already in existence, though its functions were currently in a nascent stage, to recommend reforms in the prison system. The committee included as members the Chief Secretaries and Directors-General of Prisons of States and Union Territories, the National Legal Services Authority and the Secretaries of the Ministries of Home; Social Justice and Empowerment; Law and Justice; and Women and Child Development.

The court order on Tuesday said the Secretary of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Government of India, and the Secretaries of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment of all States and Union Territories to the panel. "High-Powered Committee shall formulate a comprehensive and implementable action plan for the provision of appropriate assistive devices, mobility aids and other necessary support equipment to prisoners with disabilities, ensuring that such measures are tailored to their specific needs and functional requirements," the court ordered.

No guns, just greasepaint in this role

Surrendered Naxals take the stage in a theatre workshop launched by the local administration of Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur, in collaboration with the National School of Drama, New Delhi

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

A group of surrendered Naxals are among those who have taken the stage in a month-long performance-oriented theatre workshop launched by the district administration of Narayanpur in Chhattisgarh, in collaboration with the National School of Drama, New Delhi.

Collector Namrata Jain said the workshop was designed for local tribal youth, members of self-help groups, and surrendered Naxals, with a special focus on the last group as part of the district's "ongoing rehabilitation and reintegration efforts" for them. The workshop was inaugurated on Sunday. Hira Manikpuri, NSD alumnus of the 2007 batch, who is heading the team conducting the workshop, says the objective was that through theatre and their interaction with fellow citizens from other walks of life, former Maoists who were taking a step towards rehabilitation understood their rights and their new role in society.

The stage is the world: Participants at a theatre workshop in Narayanpur district of Chhattisgarh. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"Indulging in armed violence and hiding in dense forests for long, they have remained limited in scope so far. So they feel that they are different. Our first priority is to inculcate a sense of belonging that this is a society where they belong. We want to tell them that they can create a space for themselves after joining the mainstream," Mr. Manikpuri said.

The participants will will stage a play after their training is completed.

Most rehabilitation programmes focus on vocational skilling or documentation access but an initiative such as a theatre workshop recognises that a person cannot fully rebuild a life without rebuilding a sense of meaning, Ms. Jain said. "By placing surrendered Naxals with tribal youth and SHG members in a creative space, the administration is creating conditions for a different kind of conversation – one conducted not in offices but on a stage, through performance, story, art," she said.

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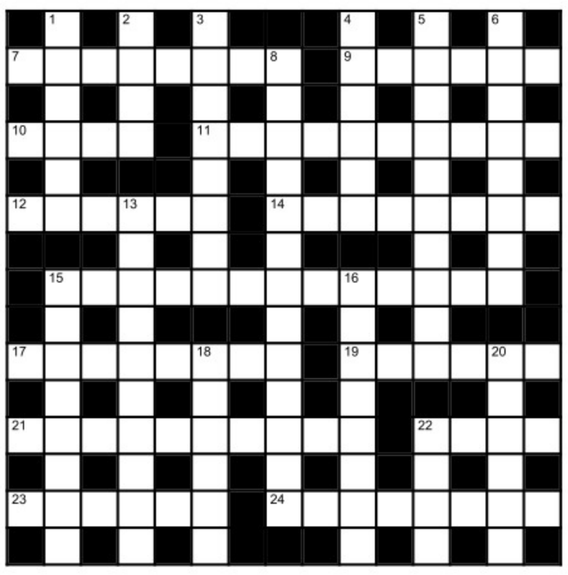

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11 You kiss and love exuberantly, needing to show attachment to wife in excessive manner (10)
12 Fairly huge waves carrying small number (6)
14 Get lease negotiated for heirs (8)
15 Straight one in opposite squad, near slips (4-3-6)
17 It may be revealed by a top division (8)
19 No! Not pleasant to talk about pain reliever (3,3)
21 Fast food cooked by baker, nuts on slice of bread (5,5)
22 Hostel day or month (4)
23 Look around South America for an oil seed (6)
24 Tiny tree representing the afterlife (8)

Down

1 Monkey's born with a gift (6)
2 American lady tailed the First Gentleman (4)
3 Indian bureaucrats going to Hong Kong with a Russian lady (8)
4 Medieval Chinese dynasty installing a King's assembly (6)
5 Hands-on flight support at all levels (10)
6 Bang on target, oppressor controlled south-eastern Europe (5,3)
8 Intelligent king gained back large advantage (13)
13 I am unclear about legislature with single chamber (10)
15 Fellow - a cold at heart recluse, one who hunts with a bird (8)
16 Endlessly question holy books expressing one's petty complaints (8)
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20 Munched over long time to freshen up (6)
22 Dead English buried in Scottish city mound (4)

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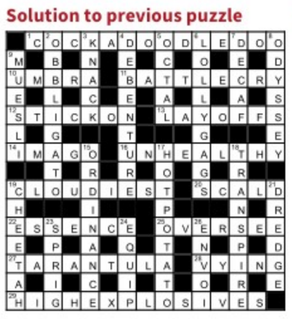

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FAITH

The saviour of Ramanuja

Embar Swamigal was a prominent guru in the Sri Vaishnava tradition and is revered for his unwavering devotion and spiritual dedication. Born as Govinda in Maduramangalam, a village near Sriperumbudur, he was closely related to the great philosopher-saint Ramanuja, being his cousin. Embar's life is a shining example of loyalty, devotion, and spiritual transformation.

Sri Anantha Padmanabha Swamy said in a discourse that a significant episode in Embar's life highlights his deep commitment to Ramanuja. During a pilgrimage to the Ganga, Ramanuja's teacher Yadava Prakasa grew jealous of his brilliance and plotted to harm him. Govinda, later known as Embar, discovered this conspiracy in time. Out of his profound affection, he warned Ramanuja and helped him escape safely through the dense Vindhya forest. This act not only saved Ramanuja's life but also demonstrated Embar's courage and devotion. The name "Embar" was affectionately given to him by Ramanuja in recognition of his deep detachment from worldly life and his intense spiritual inclination. Inspired by his qualities, Ramanuja later initiated him into *sanyasa* (monastic life), marking a turning point in his spiritual journey. The day following Embar's birth star is celebrated as Thai Pushyam, also known as "Guru Pushyam", a day considered highly auspicious. It is also remembered as the day when the idol of Ramanuja was installed in Sriperumbudur by his devoted disciple Mudaliyandan. Had it not been for the timely intervention of Embar, we would not have had Ramanuja to revere today, nor would we have had his sacred teachings to guide us and bestow his blessings.

INBRIEF

Rupee falls 28 paise to settle at 93.44 against U.S. dollar

The rupee declined 28 paise to close at 93.44 against the U.S. dollar on Tuesday, weighed down by a steady American currency and volatile crude oil prices amid uncertainties over the progress of West Asia peace negotiations. Positive domestic equity markets failed to boost local currency, which also had some impact of the Reserve Bank's latest move to ease curbs on speculative bets in non-deliverable forward markets, forex analysts said. The Reserve Bank on Monday partially withdrew directives taken on April 1 to curb excessive speculation in the rupee. The banking regulator had capped the net open positions in non-deliverable forward markets at $100 million, mandating banks to comply by April 10. PTI

HPCL refinery fire to have 'no material impact on financials'

The financial and operational impact of the fire that broke out in Hindustan Petroleum's refinery in Rajasthan's Baltora district is being assessed, though prima facie it is not expected to be material, the State-owned oil marketing company informed the bourses on Tuesday. "The financial and operational impact, if any, is being assessed and prima facie is not expected to be material," HPCL said. Twenty-four hours before PM Narendra Modi was to inaugurate the greenfield refinery-cum-petrochemical complex, a fire broke out in its crude distillation unit. Consequently, the inauguration had to be postponed indefinitely. "The fire was localised in the heat exchangers stack. Crude distillation unit, vacuum distillation unit and all other units of the CDU section were quickly isolated. All are structurally safe and unaffected," HPCL stated.

Tim Cook put down the roots in India Apple was bullish on

As Apple's CEO during a time of dramatic smartphone growth in India, he leaves successors a market he knew wouldn't flourish in his time, and paves way for future generations of leadership

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Task ahead: Mr. Cook will transition to executive chairman, with SVP of hardware engineering John Ternus taking over. REUTERS

Outgoing Apple, Inc. CEO Tim Cook oversaw a period where the company sank far deeper roots in the Indian market than had been done in the decades prior.

Most notably, he presided over the firm's supply chain expansion, during which it set up iPhone assembly operations in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka with its contract manufacturers, Foxconn and Tata Electronics.

Starting September 1, Mr. Cook will transition to executive chairman, with SVP of hardware engineering John Ternus taking over. Apple now assembles one in four iPhones sold around the world in India, generously contributing to India's gross export statistics. Mr. Cook has also managed this supply chain growth, which has expanded to include third party suppliers who make aluminum casings and chargers for the firm's products, while negotiating pressures from China and the United States, with the former frustrating Apple's contract manufacturers by denying them access to capital equipment, and the latter making loud rhetorical calls to return all manufacturing to the U.S.

On more than one occasion while visiting here, Mr. Cook said that Apple was "bullish" on India.

This is important to emphasise, since the firm's perceived attention to the Indian market has not historically been consonant with its presence in other markets.

For much of the iPhone's history, enthusiast customers long joked that it was cheaper to fly to a hub airport in West Asia, make a purchase, and fly back. The after-sales service ecosystem had also led to frequent complaints from Apple's sparsely distributed Indian customers.

That small user base has expanded drastically. This has not been straightforward nor complete.

While the company's premium positioning has situated it well in the high disposable income consumer market of its home in the U.S., that land of telco-subsidised device purchase plans, enticing buyers each year with EMIs tightly integrated with phone plans; high import duties and a continuing unwillingness to cross-subsidise device sales in India meant that it had to wait for a dramatic expansion of India's overall smartphone base to see some traction in its brand.

Shortly before the introduction of low cell tariffs in 2016 with the entry of Reliance Jio, Mr. Cook made his first highly-publicised visit to India, meeting iOS developers and Bollywood stars alike in the first of multiple carefully curated blitzes that leaned into India's receptivity to such personalized outreaches.

Apple's values

Mr. Cook avoided the sticky privacy-based scrutiny Apple faced in China, as the company kept a low profile during spats involving message traceability, successfully arguing that services like iMessage needn't be regulated like WhatsApp, which took much more heat in the last few years.

The firm also evaded a ban in 2017 for resisting giving a spam-reporting app SMS access, by instead building a protocol that would avoid such sharing directly into WhatsApp. This allowed the firm to mostly stick to its privacy-first values, which could have clashed at any point with national security imperatives.

However, at least in one instance under more pressure, the firm blinked. When Apple alerted dozens of users in India that a "state-sponsored" cyberattack was attempted on them, it backtracked, changing the terminology in future waves of notifications, after to give government officials deniability.

According to Counterpoint Research, Apple's share of devices shipped in the first quarter of this calendar year was 9%, with mid-range and budget smartphones constituting the bulk of other shipments.

Mr. Cook may have well been aware that there were limits in a market with users obsessed with price, and governments deeply invested in economic nationalism. Perhaps the best he could do was to put down the roots for future generations of the company's leadership.

SBI seeks review of SC verdict barring use of spectrum as an 'asset' in IBC proceedings

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

SBI argued that the verdict may potentially affect bank financing and risk assessment.

The State Bank of India has moved a petition in the Supreme Court seeking a review of its February 13 judgment which held that spectrum, a finite public resource, cannot be used as "assets" owned by telecom service providers (TSPs) during Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code proceedings.

The bank (SBI), acting on behalf of creditors to the bankrupt Aircel group, said the judgment had a far-reaching impact on lenders in insolvency and liquidation proceedings. It argued that the verdict may potentially affect bank financing and risk assessment.

The February 13 judgment had concluded that telecom service providers (TSPs) did not own spectrum. Resultantly, a Bench of Justices P.S. Narasimha and Atul Chandurkar held that Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) excluded any assets over which a corporate debtor had no ownership rights. The court had said that spectrum was a scarce natural resource owned by the people of India, with legal title vesting exclusively in the Union of India, which held it in trust for the public.

The court had held that the mere grant of spectrum under a licence did not mean a complete transfer of a finite natural resource from the Union government to a TSP. "It confers only a limited, conditional and revocable privilege to use spectrum, subject to statutory requirements, licence conditions and overriding public interest," Justice Narasimha had clarified.

The Supreme Court judgment was based on a series of appeals filed by SBI and others against a 2021 NCLAT judgment requiring TSPs undergoing insolvency to clear statutory dues owed to the Department of Telecom before transferring or selling spectrum under the IBC.

The verdict was the result of events dating back to the grant of telecom licences to corporate debtors – Aircel Ltd., Aircel Cellular Ltd., and Dishnet Wireless Ltd. – by the Department of Telecommunications under Unified Access Service Licences.

Prices of cotton increase 8.5% in April on lower production

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

Polyester pricing dynamics are forcing a shift to cotton.

The price of widely-used Shankar 6 variety of cotton, grown largely in Gujarat, touched ₹60,500/ candy or about 8.5% higher than a month ago.

The Committee on Cotton Production and Consumption in India estimates Indian cotton output in the current cotton marketing season ending September 30 at almost 291 lakh bales or 0.42% lower than in the 2024-2025 season.

'Review import duty'

Consumption by textile mills is on the rise and they are projected to use 312 lakh bales against 306 lakh bales last year. "There is an urgent need to review the import duty on cotton as there is a shortage of the commodity in India, affecting the textile industry, which is the largest cotton user, said Durai Palanisamy, chairman, Southern India Mills Association.

Nishanth Asher, secretary of the Indian Cotton Federation, added that globally, cotton futures prices for July are rallying.

From around 64.5 U.S. cents for a pound of cotton in December 2025 and January 2026, it has gone up to 79.8 cents. "This is significant as in the last three years it's been in the range for 64-70 cents," he said.

Lower output

Global production is expected at 1.5-2.5 million bales lower than the earlier estimates. Production is likely to drop mainly in the U.S. and Brazil, two major cotton producing countries, on lower rainfall, though it is too early to forecast, he added.

"With the rise in crude oil prices, polyester and cotton economics are playing out. Polyester is turning out to be expensive because of the U.S., Isreal, Iran war.

"This is shifting some demand to cotton, pushing the prices up. Even small shifts matter," he added. Further, there is a steady rise in textile demand.

SEBI panel said to ask NSE to pay ₹1,800 cr. for settling cases

Reuters
MUMBAI

SEBI will issue letter to NSE to deposit the money before issuing an order to finalise the settlement

An external panel set up by India's market regulator has recommended the National Stock Exchange of India settle pending legal disputes by paying a little over ₹1,800 crore ($192.5 million), two sources said.

The recommendation brings the world's largest derivatives exchange closer to resolving its long-running dispute with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

Allegations of governance lapses and that it failed to provide equitable access to all trading members have delayed NSE's initial public offering for almost 10 years.

"NSE's proposal to settle past infractions was considered by the panel about a fortnight ago for approval," one of the sources said. The panel's recommended amount is more than the ₹1,300 crore NSE set aside late last year to settle pending cases with SEBI.

SEBI would soon issue a demand letter to NSE to deposit the money, before issuing an order to finalise the settlement, they said.

The sources sought anonymity as they are not authorised to speak. SEBI did not respond to a request for comment, while a NSE spokesperson declined to comment.

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-Tender No.	Tender Description:	Estimated Cost
CPC-04/2026-27	Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of following: i) Construction of 01 no. 132kV Feeder Bay at 132/33kV Grid S/S, Nimapara and 01 no. 132kV Feeder Bay at 132/33kV Grid S/S Konark required for 132kV Nimapara-Konark Ckt-II feeder along with stringing of 132kV Nimapara-Konark Ckt-II line in existing DC tower under EHT (O&M) Division, Puri. ii) Construction of 02 no. 132kV Feeder Bays at 132/33kV Grid S/S, Banki required for 132kV Banki-Nuapatna Ckt-II & 132kV Atri-Banki Ckt-II Feeder alongwith stringing of 132kV Atri-Banki Ckt-II line in existing DC tower, under under EHT (O&M) Division, Khurdha. iii) Construction of 01 no. 132kV Feeder Bays at 132/33kV Grid S/S, Nuapatna required for 132kV Nuapatna-Banki Ckt-II Feeder alongwith stringing of 132kV Nuapatna-Banki Ckt-II line in existing DC tower, under under EHT (O&M) Division, Choudwar. **Complete bidding documents are available on or after dated 21.04.2026 , 11:00 hrs.**	**Rs. 21,20,11,528/-**
CPC-12/2026-27	Bid invited from reputed manufacturers in two part bidding system for supply of Three Stack 400kV Post Insulator in e-tendering mode only. **Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid: 14.05.2026 upto 13:00 Hr.**	**Rs. 19,47,000/-**
CPC-17/2026-27	Bid invited under single stage two part system from any bidders for Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of High Temperature Low Sag (HTLS) Conductor after dismantling of ACSR Panther Conductor in existing 132kV Lapanga-Aryan Viraj-Shyam DRI SC line along with up-gradation of requisite bay equipment in Jharsuguda District on EPC Contract Basis in e-tendering mode only. **Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid: 11.05.2026 upto 12:45 P.M.**	**Rs. 8,65,47,162/-**
CPC-18/2026-27	Design, Engineering, Supply, Erection, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 01(one) no. of 132kV AIS Bay Extension at 220/132/33kV GSS Atri and associated 132kV S/C Line from 220/132/33kV GSS Atri to M/s Jupiter Tatravagonka Railwheel Factory Pvt. Ltd., Haladiapada (Approx. Line Length- 7.452 kms. with provision of 132kV 630 Sq.mm XLPE Copper Under Ground cable (S/C) for Gantry take off arrangement on EPC/ Turnkey Contract Basis in e-tendering mode only. **Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid: 05.05.2026 upto 12:30 P.M.**	**Rs. 14,15,44,610/-**
CPC-72/2025-26	Bid invited from reputed manufacturers under two part bidding system for supply of 21 nos. of 500MVA, (765/√3)/ (400/√3)/ 33kV 1-ph Auto Transformer (without Tap changer/OLTC). **Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid: 19.05.2026 upto 15:00 Hrs.**	**Rs. 5,52,07,01,065/-**

Complete set of bidding documents are available at **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** and **www.optcl.co.in**.

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'March oil imports dip on war, Russian volumes hit record'

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Russia imports almost doubled.

India's crude oil imports fell 13% in March from pre-war levels in February, with half coming from Russia, after the U.S.-Israeli conflict with Iran halted Middle Eastern shipments via the Strait of Hormuz, shipping data showed.

The world's third-largest oil importer and consumer imported 4.5 million barrels per day (bpd) of crude in March, the data showed.

Imports from Russia almost doubled from February to 2.25 million bpd in March while shipments from the Middle East slumped 61% to 1.18 million bpd.

Traffic at the Strait of Hormuz, which typically handles roughly one-fifth of the world's oil supply, has come to a standstill after Iran and the United States blocked vessels from passing.

HCL Tech's Q4 net rises 4%; declares ₹24/share dividend

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURRU

The total dividend paid by HCL for FY26 was ₹60/share.

HCL Tech posted 4% year-on-year rise in fourth quarter net profit to ₹4,488 crore and a 12% increase in revenue to ₹33,981 crore.

The business environment was fluid and it was difficult to predict how the market would pan out in the next 12 months, said CEO and MD Vijayakumar in his commentary.

North America showed relative resilience and strong business sentiment while some segments displayed stress and this may get carried over to the next quarter with guidance adjusted against it.

Despite all these, "HCLTech delivered superior revenue growth of 3.9% in constant currency, 10 bps below guidance and 17.2% operating margin within guidance," he said.

He, however, said, during the quarter, HCLTech's performance came below expectations due to softness in certain parts of business on lower discretionary spend and delayed decision making.

"Our new AI-led service offerings are getting traction and is reflected in annualised Advanced AI revenue crossing $620 million in Q4," he added.

HCL Tech's continued momentum in advanced AI revenue, which grew 6.1% sequentially, highlighted rising client need for complex technology deployments, Gartner's Principal Analyst, Shubham Rathore told *The Hindu*.

Shiv Walia, CFO, said "Our board is pleased to declare ₹24/share as dividend for the quarter, bringing the total to ₹60/share for FY26, which is 97.6% of the EPS."

JERUSALEM

Israel jails soldiers for vandalising statue of Jesus in south Lebanon

AFP

The Israeli military on Tuesday said two soldiers would receive 30 days of military detention over the destruction of a statue of Jesus Christ in southern Lebanon. The decision comes after widespread condemnation of a photo shared online of an Israeli soldier using a hammer to strike the head of a fallen statue of a crucified Jesus. AFP

SEOUL

U.S. limits sharing of intelligence with Seoul on North Korea: report

AFP

The U.S. has partly restricted the sharing of satellite intelligence on North Korea with South Korea due to remarks by Seoul's unification Minister about one of Pyongyang's nuclear facilities, reports said on Tuesday. Washington said the official disclosed in public sensitive information from U.S. intelligence without authorisation. AFP

LUXEMBOURG

Germany and Italy reject push to suspend EU-Israel association deal

REUTERS

Germany and Italy on Tuesday rebuffed calls to suspend an EU cooperation deal with Israel, despite rising anger over the war in Lebanon and the situation in the West Bank. Spain and Ireland had put the issue of halting the June 2000 agreement back on the table at a meeting of EU Foreign Ministers in Luxembourg. AFP

KYIV

Ukraine ready to restart Russian oil supplies via Druzhba to Europe

AFP

Ukraine has repaired the damaged Druzhba pipeline that carries Russian oil to Europe and is ready to resume supplies — unblocking what Kyiv hopes was the last hurdle to securing tens of billions of euros in support from Brussels. The pipeline has been at the centre of a stand-off between Hungary, Slovakia, Ukraine, and the EU. AFP

Myanmar's junta leader proposes new peace talks

Reuters

Myanmar's new military-backed government wants to hold peace talks with armed groups by the end of July, the country's junta leader-turned-president said, but two key rebel groups rejected the offer on Tuesday. State media reported that President Min Aung Hlaing wanted rebel groups that were not part of a ceasefire deal to join talks to be held within 100 days.

"For groups that have not yet engaged in dialogue and negotiation, we also invite them to participate by the deadline of July 31," he said, and mentioned groups such as the Karen National Union, the Chin National Front, and the All Burma Students' Democratic Front.

General Min Aung Hlaing referred to signatories of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) in his remarks, a deal that was in place before the 2021 coup threw it into question. KNU spokesperson Saw Taw Nee said: "The KNU has already withdrawn from the NCA since the 2021 coup. We have no plans to return to negotiations."

CNF spokesman Salai Htet Ni said his group was seeking a federal democratic system free of the influence of the military.

Pressured by U.K. PM's office to approve Mandelson: ex-official

Testimony from Olly Robbins, a top official who was fired recently, raises pressure on Keir Starmer over choice of envoy to the U.S.; the PM maintains he was not aware of the 'failed' security vetting

Associated Press
LONDON

Downing Street rushed to ensure Mandelson occupied the post at the start of Trump's second term, the civil servant said. REUTERS

The former head of Britain's Foreign Service said on Tuesday he was pressured by Prime Minister Keir Starmer's office to rush through the confirmation of Peter Mandelson as British Ambassador to Washington, and claimed Downing Street brushed aside security concerns about the choice.

The testimony by Olly Robbins increases the heat on Mr. Starmer, who is facing calls to resign over the decision to appoint Mr. Mandelson, a scandal-tainted politician and friend of U.S. sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, to one of the U.K.'s most important diplomatic posts.

Mr. Robbins, the former top civil servant in the Foreign Office, said there was an "atmosphere of pressure" from Mr. Starmer's 10 Downing Street office to approve the appointment so Mr. Mandelson could be in the post at the start of U.S. President Donald Trump's second term.

He told the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee there had been "a very, very strong expectation" that Mr. Mandelson "needed to be in post and in America as quickly as humanly possible."

The Prime Minister fired Mr. Robbins last week after the revelation that Mr. Mandelson was approved for the job in January 2025 against the recommendation of the government's security vetting agency.

Mr. Robbins said the vetting agency considered Mr. Mandelson a "borderline case" and was "leaning toward recommending against" giving him security clearance. Mr. Robbins cleared him anyway, based on advice that the risks could be managed, he said.

'Not related to Epstein'

Mr. Robbins said the concerns about Mr. Mandelson did not relate to his relationship with Epstein, but he declined to explain to lawmakers what led the government's vetting agency to flag him as a potential security risk.

Mr. Mandelson had to resign twice from senior posts in previous Labour Party governments because of scandals over money and ethics. A separate background report prepared before he was appointed Ambassador flagged potential business links to Russia and China as a concern.

Mr. Starmer has called it "staggering" that Foreign Office officials failed to tell him about the security concerns, which he says he only found out about last week. Mr. Robbins said the rules bar details of the sensitive vetting process from being shared except in "exceptional circumstances."

Mr. Starmer announced the choice of Mr. Mandelson in December 2024, before intensive security checks were carried out. Mr. Robbins said he was "very conscious" that refusing Mr. Mandelson security clearance would have caused "a real problem for the government and a problem for the country" in its relations with the Trump administration.

Mr. Robbins declined to identify any individuals as being behind the pressure. Mr. Starmer's chief of staff, Morgan McSweeney, resigned in February, saying he took responsibility for the decision to appoint Mr. Mandelson.

Mr. Starmer acknowledged on Monday that he made the wrong judgment when he picked Mr. Mandelson for the job, but said he would have withdrawn the appointment if he had known about the failed security vetting.

Mr. Starmer fired Mr. Mandelson in September, nine months into the job, when new details emerged about his friendship with Epstein, who died in prison in 2019.

Japan opens doors to global arms market in a change of its post-war pacifist policy

Associated Press
TOKYO

Japan on Tuesday scrapped a ban on lethal weapons exports, a major change in its postwar pacifist policy as the country seeks to build up its arms industry amid worries over Chinese and North Korean aggression.

The approval by Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's Cabinet of the new guideline clears a final set of hurdles for many arms sales, including of Japanese-developed warships, combat drones and other weapons.

It has been largely welcomed by Japanese defence partners like Australia and attracted interest from Southeast Asia and Europe. U.S. Ambassador to Japan George Glass on X called the move a "historic step" that will help enhance the defence capabilities between the allies.

Officials say the new arms transfer rules would contribute to deepening of military and defence equipment cooperation with Japanese partners and to the regional deterrence.

"No country today can defend peace and safety by itself and needs partners to support each other," Ms. Takaichi said on X. "There is no change to our 80-year history as a pacifist nation and its pledge," she said, promising strict standards to its promotion of arms exports.

Sanae Takaichi

The defence industry is one of 17 strategic areas targeted for growth under the Takaichi government. The government also has increased funding for start-ups and academic research.

China laments move

Beijing criticised the change in policy. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun said the global community including China will "resolutely resist Japan's reckless moves toward a new type of militarism."

Opponents at home also say the change violates Japan's pacifist constitution enacted after the Second World War and will increase global tensions and threaten the safety of the Japanese people.

The new policy will "ensure safety for Japan and further contribute to the peace and stability in the region as the security environment around our country rapidly changes," Chief Cabinet Secretary Minoru Kihara said.

Japan has long prohibited most arms exports. It has made recent changes because of rising global and regional tensions, but exports were limited to five areas: rescue, transport, alerts, surveillance and minesweeping.

The new guidelines scrap those limits and allows the export of equipment such as fighter jets, missiles and destroyers.

For now, such exports will be limited to 17 countries that have signed defence equipment and technology transfer accords with Japan. They also must be approved by the National Security Council, and the government will monitor how the weapons are managed afterward.

Japan remains committed to strict screening and export controls to third countries and will not offer lethal weapons to countries at war, officials said, but granted that exceptions could be made to that limit.

Iran to restart domestic flights; outlines phased reopening of airspace

Kallol Bhattacherjee
Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Bahrain's Gulf Air to operate flights to multiple destinations in India, says official

Contingent on progress in the U.S.-Iran diplomatic talks, Iran's aviation safety regulator has outlined a phased reopening of its airspace after the resumption of domestic flight operations from Wednesday.

Local media reported that Iran Air will resume domestic flight operations from Wednesday, after more than 50 days of airspace closure triggered by escalating tensions between Iran, the United States and Israel that peaked on February 28.

Iranian government sources told *The Hindu* that they plan to first re-allow overflight operations that will bring a huge respite to all international airlines connecting Europe with Asia, including Indian carriers. This will be followed by international flights from airports in eastern Iran, after which operations will resume at Tehran's Mehrabad and Imam Khomeini airports.

In the final phase, international flights from airports in western Iran are expected to restart. Other parts of West Asia that have remained cut off are also beginning to reopen.

According to Joint Secretary (Gulf) at the Ministry of External Affairs, Aseem Mahajan, Bahrain's Gulf Air has announced that starting on Tuesday it will operate flights to multiple destinations in India.

Iran closed its airspace on February 28, which was followed by Israel and several other neighbouring countries including Iraq, Lebanon, Kuwait, UAE, among others. European regulator EASA also issued an advisory barring its airlines from using airspaces of as many as 11 countries.

The closure of large swathes of West Asian airspace has forced many carriers, including Indian airlines, to cancel hundreds of daily flights to Gulf and take longer routes towards Europe and North America, driving up fuel burn and, in turn, airfares.

Truce and turmoil

Mourners pray by the coffins of Hezbollah fighters killed in the conflict with Israel, during their funeral amid a 10-day ceasefire between Lebanon and Israel, in Qlaylie, southern Lebanon on Tuesday. REUTERS

'Predator' leaders seek to impose new world order, says Amnesty

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

The leaders of the United States, Israel and Russia are seeking to impose a new "predatory" world order while most countries are too cowardly to stop them, rights group Amnesty International said on Tuesday.

Launching the global group's annual report in London, Secretary General Agnes Callamard condemned U.S. President Donald Trump, Russia's Vladimir Putin and Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu as "predators".

"Throughout 2025, Mr. Trump, Mr. Putin and Mr. Netanyahu, among others, pursued economic and political domination through international destruction, suppression and violence on a massive scale," she said.

"And rather than confront those predators, the majority of governments, most notably European governments, opted instead for appeasement."

The spiralling conflict in West Asia is "just the latest example of this new predatory world order", Ms. Callamard said.

China is not on the "predator" list because it has been "much more discreet", she said.

Magyar says Netanyahu will face arrest in Hungary

Agence France-Presse
BUDAPEST

Hungary's incoming Prime Minister Peter Magyar said on Monday the country will execute International Criminal Court warrants against anyone, after he invited Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu – wanted under just such a warrant – to Budapest later this year. In 2024, the ICC issued an arrest warrant for Mr. Netanyahu over allegations of crimes against humanity and war crimes.

Hungary's outgoing leader Viktor Orban announced last year that his country was withdrawing from the ICC.

This year, Mr. Magyar said he issued invitations to all leaders for the 70th anniversary of Hungary's anti-Soviet uprising of 1956. But he also said that he had made it clear, "even to the Israeli Prime Minister", that it was his intention to stop the country's withdrawal from the ICC.

"If someone is a member of the ICC and a person who is wanted enters our country, then they must be taken into custody," he said.

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In continuation of the e-NIT notifications published, the sale period for the work 'Planning, Design, Construction, Commissioning and Operation of Planetarium/Space Theatre at Kanniyakumari, Tamilnadu. (Civil, Electrical, AC, Theatre Equipment and allied works in EPC Mode-1). (No.: IPRC/CMG/TD/e-193/MW/EPC-01/2025-26 dated. 27.03.2026) (Estimated cost: ₹ **3559.00** Lakhs) is extended up to 05.05.2026

For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) on the website https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html and tender free view at https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro

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IN ELITE COMPANY

Abhishek notches up ninth T20 ton, equals Kohli's mark

NAGARA GOPAL

With his second IPL ton, Abhishek Sharma equalled Virat Kohli's record for most T20 centuries (9) by an Indian. The southpaw reached the figure in 184 innings, while the veteran did it in 403. Only Chris Gayle (22 in 455), Babar Azam (12 in 342) and David Warner (10 in 435) are ahead on the list.

SPECIAL ONE

Frankie and Murali wanted me to bat till the 20th over: Abhishek

NAGARA GOPAL

It's always special to perform in front of the Orange Army. Everybody knows the love I have for this ground... I had a plan with Frankie (James Franklin), he wanted me to bat till the 20th over. Even Murali (Muralitharan) said the same thing. Maybe this is the first time I ever batted 20 overs — Abhishek on his celebration.

SHOT IN THE ARM

All-rounder Jacks joins MI squad, trains for the Super Kings contest

FILE PHOTO: R.V. MOORTHY

The suspense over the availability of England all-rounder Will Jacks ended as he trained at the Wankhede Stadium during Tuesday evening's optional training session. While Jacks' arrival was delayed for unknown reasons, the Mumbai Indians management refrained from spelling out the details for the first three weeks of the IPL.

REINFORCEMENT

Aussie pacer Johnson links up with Super Kings squad

FILE PHOTO

Australian left-arm pacer Spencer Johnson, who had been signed as Nathan Ellis' replacement ahead of the season, has joined Chennai Super Kings in Mumbai ahead of its marquee clash against Mumbai Indians. Johnson may be drafted into the XI for the injured Khaleel Ahmed for Thursday night's clash.

Abhishek, Malinga steal the show as Sunrisers prove too hot for Capitals

The left-hander smashes an unbeaten 68-ball 135 to power the host to 242 for two; the pacer scalps four as the Delhi franchise falls well short

IPL-19

Vivek Krishnan
HYDERABAD

In Abhishek Sharma's T20 playbook, the white Kookaburra ball is an object destined to be dispatched into the stands at every available opportunity. At the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium here on Tuesday, the southpaw (135 n.o., 68b, 10x4, 10x6) flaunted that destructive template with relish, lifting Sunrisers Hyderabad to a daunting 242 for two and setting up a 47-run win against Delhi Capitals in IPL-19. Abhishek was well-supported by Travis Head, Ishan Kishan and Heinrich Klaasen.

DC's response with the bat fell short as it finished on 195 for nine. Nitish Rana scored a half-century and put on 86 runs with K.L. Rahul for the second wicket. When Nitish Rana slammed Shivang Kumar for two sixes in a 19-run eighth over, the momentum appeared to shift. But soon enough, SRH struck thrice in the space of four deliveries, with Sakib Hussain getting Rahul caught at deep square leg in the 10th over and Eshan Malinga excising Nitish Rana and David Miller in the 11th. Malinga finished with four for 32 while Harsh Dubey scalped three for 12.

The visitor's effort proved to be no match to Abhishek's onslaught. After ensconcing himself as a six-hitting phenom in India's set-up in the two years leading up to the 2026 T20 World Cup, form may have deserted the 25-year-old for much of the marquee event. But he had no trouble in taking down the DC bowlers for his second IPL century.

Considering Abhishek's recent travails against off-spin, Capitals hoped that the use of Nitish Rana in the PowerPlay would make for an ideal match-up. It seemed a sound move when the part-time off-spinner conceded just six runs in the second over. But thereafter, he was treated with utter disdain as figures of 4-0-55-0 illustrate. He also spilled Abhishek on 86 at deep point.

When Head pulled Axar Patel to deep midwicket in the ninth over, it was an altogether brief lull. The onslaught resumed as Abhishek forged a 79-run stand off 35 deliveries with Kishan. That Klaasen also belted an unbeaten 37 off 13 balls was the icing on the cake for a partisan crowd.

Taking centre stage: Abhishek hit 10 fours and as many sixes in his dazzling knock before Malinga derailed DC's chase. NAGARA GOPAL

SCOREBOARD

SUNRISERS HYDERABAD
Abhishek Sharma (not out) 135 *(68b, 10x4, 10x6)*, Travis Head c Rizvi b Axar 37 *(26b, 2x4, 2x6)*, Ishan Kishan run out 25 *(13b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Heinrich Klaasen (not out) 37 *(13b, 3x4, 3x6)*; Extras (w-8): 8; Total (for two wkts. in 20 overs): 242.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-97 (Head, 8.5 overs), 2-176 (Kishan, 14.4).

CAPITALS BOWLING
Mukesh 4-0-53-0, Nitish Rana 4-0-55-0, Ngidi 4-0-41-0, Axar 2-0-23-1, Kuldeep 2-0-30-0, Natarajan 4-0-40-0.

DELHI CAPITALS
Pathum Nissanka c sub (Livingstone) b Madushanka 8 *(6b, 1x6)*, K.L. Rahul c Abhishek b Sakib 37 *(23b, 1x4, 3x6)*, Nitish Rana c Abhishek b Malinga 57 *(30b, 7x4, 3x6)*, Sameer Rizvi c Madushanka b Harsh 41 *(28b, 2x4, 2x6)*, David Miller b Malinga 0 *(1b)*, Tristan Stubbs c Sakib b Malinga 27 *(16b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Ashutosh Sharma **(Impact Player for Mukesh)** c Aniket b Malinga 14 *(10b, 2x4)*, Axar Patel c Nitish Kumar b Harsh 2 *(3b)*, Kuldeep Yadav (not out) 1 *(2b)*, Lungi Ngidi c Madushanka b Harsh 0 *(1b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-7): 8; Total (for nine wkts. in 20 overs): 195.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-21 (Nissanka, 2.1), 2-107 (Rahul, 9.4), 3-107 (Nitish Rana, 10.1), 4-107 (Miller, 10.2), 5-166 (Stubbs, 15.5), 6-186 (Ashutosh, 17.6), 7-192 (Axar, 19.1), 8-195 (Rizvi, 19.5), 9-195 (Ngidi, 19.6).

SUNRISERS BOWLING
Madushanka **(Impact Player for Head)** 4-0-36-1, Nitish Kumar 4-0-57-0, Malinga 4-0-32-4, Sakib 4-0-29-1, Shivang 2-0-28-0, Harsh 2-0-12-3.

Toss: DC; **PoM:** Abhishek.
Sunrisers won by 47 runs.

Next assignment

DC: April 25 vs. PBKS Delhi, 3.30 p.m.

SRH: April 25 vs. RR Jaipur, 7.30 p.m.

Engrossing duel: The red-hot Suryavanshi will be up against the wily Shami. R.V. MOORTHY

Super Giants, Royals' pace batteries in focus

Dhruva Prasad
LUCKNOW

It is not often that bowlers, considered collateral damage in modern T20 cricket, supersede the batters in the battle of narratives.

When Lucknow Super Giants hosts Rajasthan Royals at the Ekana Cricket Ground here on Wednesday, the pace batteries of the two teams will be in the spotlight. The conditions here lean heavily in favour of the quicks, who boast an economy rate of 7.35 and an average of 19 at the venue in this IPL season.

The Super Giants attack, comprising Mohammed Shami, Prince Yadav and Mohsin Khan, has been the most economical (7.94) in the PowerPlay, while the Royals, spearheaded by Jofra Archer, have been the most incisive (16 wickets) during this phase.

The similarities don't end there. The Super Giants are on a three-match losing streak, while the Royals are coming off two consecutive defeats after a strong start to their campaign. "It's a case of struggling for a bit of rhythm. One or two guys can struggle; it is part of the game, but when it is the full batting line-up, the chances of that happening are quite slim," LSG's Aiden Markram admitted ahead of the match.

The collective failure of the Super Giants batters has resulted in none of them tallying 200 runs in the season. Against Punjab Kings, the team notched up its first score of 200 but only after conceding this season's highest total of 254 for seven.

It was a contrasting loss for the Royals in their last game, where they pushed Kolkata Knight Riders close despite managing a middling 155 for nine after opting to bat.

A lot of eager eyes will follow the intriguing match-up of 15-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi against the ageing but resilient Shami.

At the same time, misfiring skippers Rishabh Pant and Riyan Parag will seek a turnaround of form.

Points table

	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
Punjab Kings	6	5	0	1	11	1.420
Royal Challengers	6	4	2	0	8	1.171
Sunrisers Hyderabad	7	4	3	0	8	0.820
Rajasthan Royals	6	4	2	0	8	0.599
Delhi Capitals	6	3	3	0	6	-0.130
Gujarat Titans	6	3	3	0	6	-0.821
Mumbai Indians	6	2	4	0	4	0.067
Chennai Super Kings	6	2	4	0	4	-0.780
Lucknow Super Giants	6	2	4	0	4	-1.173
Kolkata Knight Riders	7	1	5	1	3	-0.879

Consistency the top priority for Jurel

Dhruva Prasad
LUCKNOW

Rajasthan Royals wicketkeeper Dhruv Jurel, who effected a stunning stumping of Kolkata Knight Riders batter Cameron Green in the IPL on Sunday, said he was grateful to be working with the legendary Sri Lankan gloveman Kumar Sangakkara.

"I am very grateful to be playing under Sangakkara (head coach); he is a legend of the game. I am very hardworking and consistent with my wicketkeeping. I want to be consistent rather than doing something magical," Jurel said.

The 25-year-old's stumping also earned him plaudits from Sachin Tendulkar, who termed Jurel's exploits behind the stumps 'simply magnificent'.

"It is a dream come true. Such a big legend saw my match and made a special tweet for my stumping," Jurel gushed.

Aiden Markram hoped the Super Giants could turn their home ground into a fortress after they suffered back-to-back defeats here this season.

Lucknow Super Giants' batting unit has misfired this season, and its management sought to address it in its last game by pushing Ayush Badoni to open instead of Markram.

"Ayush played nicely against Punjab, and Mitch [Mitchell Marsh] got us off to a pretty good start. It is just to free him [Badoni] up. He is a huge talent, and the world has seen that over the last couple of years. I can be that guy in the middle-order and just control things," Markram said.

Today's match

LSG vs RAJASTHAN ROYALS

Lucknow, 7.30 p.m.

HEAD-TO-HEAD
Played: 6
LSG 2 | RR 4

PREVIOUS MEETING
LSG won by two runs, 2025

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CSK suffers a setback as Mhatre is ruled out

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Ayush Mhatre, the in-form top-order Chennai Super Kings batter, has been ruled out of the remainder of the Indian Premier League season owing to a left hamstring injury he suffered against Sunrisers Hyderabad earlier in the week. Mhatre's injury compounds injury concerns for the franchise that's struggling for consistent results this season.

Mhatre underwent scans here on Monday after CSK arrived to take on the Mumbai Indians for Thursday's game.

A statement issued by Chennai Super Kings confirmed that Mhatre's rehabilitation will take "six to 12 weeks".

Suryakumar vs. Sarfaraz: a battle within a battle

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

He couldn't find a place in Mumbai's XI for the first three games of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy in Lucknow last November. And when Suryakumar Yadav finally told Sarfaraz Khan he would play against Assam, the latter had a request. "Let me bat at No. 3, please," Sarfaraz is understood to have said – a spot Suryakumar himself preferred in Mumbai colours.

Sensing both desperation and conviction in his close friend's voice, the captain obliged. Sarfaraz responded with an unbeaten 100 off 47 balls.

That knock altered his T20 trajectory. Sarfaraz finished as Mumbai's highest run-getter, (329 runs from seven innings at a strike-rate north of 200) – which earned him a contract with Chennai Super Kings.

As he returns to the Wankhede Stadium, the narrative has flipped. Sarfaraz has quietly built momentum, scoring 147 runs from six innings at a strike-rate of 171.

Suryakumar, meanwhile, finds himself in an unfamiliar space. With 121 runs from six outings at a strike-rate of 151, the numbers aren't dramatically different. But T20s are as much about expectation as output, and Suryakumar's prolonged lean patch has invited scrutiny – even against the backdrop of India's triumphant T20 World Cup campaign.

Mumbai Indians captain Hardik Pandya, true to his promise of taking "tough calls" after a fourth consecutive defeat, rang in four changes against Gujarat Titans. While most revolved around the bowling unit, the spotlight has inevitably lingered on Suryakumar's returns. For Sarfaraz, the journey has been about seizing moments. For Suryakumar, it is about rediscovering rhythm.

On Thursday, friendship will take a back seat. One returns home in rival colours with renewed purpose; the other seeks a turnaround. And in that sub-plot lies a personal contest that could well shape the larger outcome.

Friendly feud: Mumbaikars Suryakumar and Sarfaraz will be vying for some brownie points. FILE PHOTOS: VIJAY SONEJI & K. MURALI KUMAR

INBRIEF

Sachdeva and Hossain share the lead after opening round

Harman Sachdeva and Jamal Hossain carded matching scores of five-under 67 to share a one-shot lead after the opening round of the DP World Players Championship golf at Nuh, Haryana. Japan's Taiga Tanaka, S. Chikkarangappa, Rohit Narwal and Abhinav Lohan were tied for third at four-under 68.

West Ham's draw at Palace relegates Wolves

West Ham's goalless draw against Crystal Palace on Monday condemned Wolves to relegation from the Premier League. Wolves is now 16 points behind fourth-bottom West Ham, with a maximum of 15 available from its last five games.

The results: Premier League: Crystal Palace 0 drew with West Ham 0. **Serie A:** Lecce 1 (Tiago Gabriel 71) drew with Fiorentina 1 (Harrison 30).

Narwal shoots gold in 10m air pistol at Junior World Cup

Shiva Narwal clinched the men's 10m air pistol gold with 241.8 points at the ISSF Junior World Cup (rifle / pistol /shotgun) while Chirag Sharma (218.9) secured bronze in Cairo on Tuesday. Panaah Bhugra fetched silver in the women's 10m air rifle with a 250.6.

FIVB revokes recognition of Volleyball Federation of India

World volleyball body FIVB on Tuesday revoked Volleyball Federation of India's recognition with immediate effect for breach of "legal and administrative requirements", days after two senior players quit the national camp over "poor and unscientific facilities" and "politics" in selection. The FIVB constituted a steering committee made up of representatives from the world body and the Indian Olympic Association to safeguard the sport in the country.

ROUND-UP

Shivaraj hits ton in Young Lions' win

R. Shivaraj top-scored with 125 as Young Lions Club defeated Malleswaram Gymkhana by 165 runs in a KSCA U-16 inter-club tournament match in Bengaluru.

The scores: Young Lions Club 285 in 46.5 overs (R. Shivaraj 125, Tanay Jabin 5/47) bt Malleswaram Gymkhana 120 in 32.2 overs (Usman Shareef 5/40).

Bangalore Star CA 305/8 in 49 overs (M. Suhas 100, Karmanye Puri 93) bt Cavaliers 105 in 24.2 overs (Hridhaanreet Singh Wazir 5/34, V. Vedhanth 4/8).

Visweswarampuram (2) 121 in 29.5 overs (K. Parinith 5/17) lost to Vultures 122/2 in 17 overs (Aaryan Nagesh 69 n.o.).

South End SC 143 in 32.3 overs (Haadi Khan Suryani 4/54) lost to Modern 144/2 in 23.4 overs (K.B. Den Nachappa 57, M. Suriyha 40 n.o.).

Vijaya 272/9 in 50 overs (Panshul Sharma 101, Ahaan Dash 51, C. Bhuvan Gowda 4/36) bt Century Cricketers 92 in 29 overs (Yuvaan Porwal 4/24).

Jolly Cricketers 110 in 37.4 overs (Yathin R. Gowda 42, Siddharth Kona 5/17, Vivaan Balani 4/29) lost to Visweswarapuram(1) 113 for no loss in 7.4 overs (Sanjit Sathish 53 n.o., Advay Choudhary 54 n.o.).

Young Lions Club 285 in 46.5 overs (R. Shivaraj 125, Tanay Jabin 5/47) bt Malleswaram Gymkhana 120 in 32.2 overs (Usman Shareef 5/40).

Swastic Union(2) 236 in 49.4 overs (Bryan Thomas 62, Hannan Zaki Ahmad 79, A. Shravanth Gowda 4/50) bt Friends Union (1) 130 in 36.4 overs (Aaryansinh Chavda 47).

Dooravani Cricketers (1) 183/9 in 50 overs (Ayaan Waheed Mohammad 55) lost to Blue Diamond Cricketers 184/4 in 35.3 overs (Tambrahalli Samanyu 64, H. Chetas 56 n.o.).

Vijaya, Malur 125 in 47.1 overs (Abhaychandra Kallapura 48) lost to Spartons SC 127 for no loss in 16.3 overs (Ryan Tomar 54 n.o., Vastvik Sharma 62 n.o.).

Bombers HC posts victory

Bombers HC beat East India HC 4-2 in the KSHA A-division hockey league championship in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

Parikrma proves too good for Sree Renuka

Parikrma FC thrashed Sree Renuka FC 5-1 in the KSFA A-division women's league football championship in Bengaluru on Tuesday. In another match, Kemp Juniors edged out Pass FC Sparks 1-0.

A collective failure by the Titans batters: Hayden

The Gujarat side's batting coach feels that the team lost the chase against Mumbai Indians in the PowerPlay; the Australian great admits the struggling middle-order was left with too much to do

IPL-19

Shayan Acharya
AHMEDABAD

The familiar script played out yet again in this edition of the IPL as Gujarat Titans' brittle middle-order caved in without a fight against Mumbai Indians.

On a day when Shubman Gill and Jos Buttler, failed to fire, none of the Titans batters showed the resilience required in a demanding chase. The collective failure prompted batting coach Matthew Hayden to label it a "horrible day" for his side.

Missed chance: Washington failed to capitalise on his start and fell for 26. VIJAY SONEJI

Big worry

The most worrying aspect wasn't just the defeat, but the manner of it.

The Titans couldn't even bat out their 20 overs, as their innings rapidly unravelled.

The result also dealt a blow to their Net Run Rate and reignited concerns over an under-performing middle-order comprising Washington Sundar, Glenn Phillips, Rahul Tewatia and Shahrukh Khan.

Only Washington managed to score at a brisk rate, while Phillips and Tewatia struggled to get going, their strike-rates well below the demands of modern T20 cricket.

"The middle-order was undoubtedly exposed," Hayden admitted, pointing to the early damage in the PowerPlay.

"The thing about the PowerPlays is that you can't win from there, especially in a run chase, but you can definitely lose it. And we lost it in the PowerPlay," Hayden said.

The early dismissals of Sai Sudharsan, Buttler and Gill left the middle-order with too much to do – a scenario Hayden believes the side must avoid.

He stressed that players like Tewatia and Shahrukh are meant for impact, not accumulation, and sending them in too early only adds pressure. So far, Shahrukh has scored 35 runs, while Tewatia's tally is 49.

"We are putting a lot of pressure on the middle-order. When you look at how the middle-order operates, goes about preparation, it's vastly different from how the top three handle those preparations. They are batting for impact," Hayden said.

'Ready to deliver if given an opportunity'

S. Shrivathsan
CHENNAI

Sai Kishore. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The omission of left-arm spinner R. Sai Kishore from Gujarat Titans match-day squads has been puzzling.

The Tamil Nadu slow bowler was GT's second-highest wicket-taker in IPL 2025 with 19 scalps in 15 matches, only behind Purple Cap winner Prasidh Krishna (25 wickets in 15 games). Sai Kishore, however, has not been able to break into the Titans XI in the ongoing edition and is surprisingly yet to make an appearance.

Leggie Rashid Khan has been operating as the lone specialist spinner for the Shubman Gill-led side, with offie Washington Sundar chipping in when required.

Sai Kishore felt that his absence could be down to the nature of the surfaces. "In this IPL, the spinners have not had much impact in terms of affecting the game. When there is not much purchase, it does not make sense to play two spinners. It is not something that was communicated to me; it is something that I have understood, having been part of leadership groups," Sai Kishore told *The Hindu* in a virtual interaction on Tuesday.

"That could be the reason why I am not playing. As the tournament progresses, the pitches will deteriorate. I will then come into the picture."

It is to be noted that fellow left-arm tweaker Manav Suthar has been ahead of Sai Kishore in the pecking order. The 29-year-old's dip in form in domestic cricket following a return from a finger injury may have been taken into consideration.

But Sai Kishore is ready to deliver if called upon. "I have to keep doing my work. Irrespective of whether I play or not, I keep working on my game. That has been my mindset. I should ensure that I am well prepared when presented with an opportunity."

When will it arrive is the question.

Alcaraz, Sabalenka win top Laureus awards

Alcaraz. REUTERS

Sabalenka. REUTERS

Associated Press
MADRID

Tennis players Carlos Alcaraz and Aryna Sabalenka were named sportsman and sportswoman of the year at the Laureus awards while Paris Saint-Germain was the team of the year.

Alcaraz won the French and U.S. Opens last year plus the Australian Open in January. Sabalenka, the top-ranked woman, won her second consecutive U.S. Open last year. PSG broke through with its first Champions League title in 2025. Rory McIlroy, who successfully defended the Masters title this month, received the comeback of the year award.

The awardees: Sportsman: Carlos Alcaraz. **Sportswoman:** Aryna Sabalenka. **Team:** Paris St. Germain. **Breakthrough:** Lando Norris. **Comeback:** Rory McIlroy. **Sportsperson with a disability:** Gabriel Araujo. **Action sportsperson:** Chloe Kim. **Young sportsperson:** Lamine Yamal Laureus. **Sporting inspiration:** Toni Kroos. **Lifetime achievement:** Nadia Comaneci. **Sport for good:** Futbol Mas.

Aronyak relieved at becoming a GM, aims to reach 2600 rating

CHESS

C. Shyam Sundar
CHENNAI

Morale-booster: Aronyak is thankful to his father for the constant encouragement. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

As a four-year-old, he was fascinated by the chess pieces and began playing for fun. Noticing the child's interest, father Mrinal Ghosh thought the game would be part of son Aronyak's life.

The 22-year-old from Kolkata has come a long way since those toddler days and a couple of days ago became India's 95th Grandmaster after tying for the top place at the Bangkok Chess Club Open.

Though it took him a while to secure the third and final norm to achieve the title, Aronyak said he's relieved to have become a GM and has set his sights on reaching the 2600 Elo mark (currently 2533).

"For sure it's a relief because it has been a long time to be honest," the country's newest GM told *The Hindu*. Aronyak, who picked up his first norm at an event in Spain in 2023 and the second in 2024, said: "I was a bit unlucky at times. But also I played very less, you know, the GM tournaments because it's quite costly to go and play abroad."

Better late than never, it can be said and he is glad the GM title requirements have been met and is looking forward to playing more in a bid to push up his rating.

It was his father, a chess player and arbiter, who coached him initially and encouraged him.

"I think my father saw my interest in chess and felt I might become a chess player.

"He kept motivating me, especially in the last few years when I was kind of stuck, unable to make the norms," said Aronyak.

He was all praise for R. Vaishali, who won the Candidates tournament, and said she held her nerve to win such a tough event. Maybe, Aronyak needs to take cue from her and fight his way up.

India looks for quick fixes in bid to stay alive

Press Trust of India
JOHANNESBURG

Smriti Mandhana and Deepti Sharma would like to bring out their respective 'A' games with the Indian women's team trying to pulls all its stops to get back to winning ways against South Africa in the third T20I on Wednesday.

The Proteas lead the five-match series 2-0.

The teams (from): South Africa: Laura Wolvaardt (Capt.), Anneke Bosch, Kayla Reyneke, Nadine de Klerk, Annerie Dercksen, Sune Luus, Eliz-Mari Marx, Chloe Tryon, Tazmin Brits, Sinalo Jafta, Tebogo Macheke, Ayanda Hlubi, Ayabonga Khaka, Nonkululeko Mlaba and Tumi Sekhukhune.

India: Harmanpreet Kaur (Capt.), Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma, Jemimah Rodrigues, Bharti Fulmali, Anushka Sharma, Deepti Sharma, Arundhati Reddy, Shree Charani, Kashvee Gautam, Richa Ghosh, Uma Chetry, Renuka Singh Thakur, Kranti Gaud and Shreyanka Patil.

Match starts at 9.30 p.m. IST.

From proud start to mild abuse, the tragedy of the cricket ball

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

While watching the cricket ball being ill-treated with such consistency in the IPL we could forget that cricket is meant to be a form of conversation. It would be a pity if one side stopped speaking. A total of 300 seems to be just around the corner, with nearly every side capable of that score.

As often happens in sport, once a barrier is broken by one performer, others quickly follow. It took just 46 days for Roger Bannister's first sub-four minute mile record to be broken.

There is something faintly tragic about a cricket ball in the IPL. It begins its life lacquered, proud, seam upright like a soldier on parade. Yet, a few overs later finds itself smudged, scuffed, and mildly abused.

A 15-year-old hitting the first ball he faced from a great fast bowler almost casually for a six brought it all into focus. Vaibhav Suryavanshi might be playing for India soon, and Jasprit Bumrah is allowed to bowl an ordinary delivery, but as Dale Steyn pointed out in an interview, the ordinariness of the delivery might have been caused by the self-consciousness of the bowler under momentary pressure against a batter half his age.

Steyn himself has suffered in the IPL, getting hit by far lesser batters. He once made an appearance in an Adam Sandler movie, bowling to a young American boy struggling with his baseball swing. Egged on by the character played by Sandler, the boy hits Steyn out of the park. On another occasion in the IPL, Mitchell Johnson, fresh from destroying the stumps and minds of English batters in the Ashes series was swung for six over square leg by No. 8 batter Piyush Chawla.

Limited-overs cricket has always been a compromise between spectacle and subtlety. But the IPL, in its relentless pursuit of entertainment, has tilted the balance decisively. The ball is not an instrument, it seems to be an inconvenience. Like Jimmy Connors who said he hated the sight of the ball and tried to thrash it every time across the net, batters want to send it into orbit as quickly and as frequently as possible.

Bowlers shine it dutifully, of course, but there is a sense of futility to it. What is the point of polishing a thing that is about to be deposited into the crowd?

Fans might thrill to it, but the dangers of over-satiation and diminished pleasure are ever present.

The ill-treatment is not merely physical. There is a deeper indignity at play – the erosion of its narrative importance. In longer formats, the ball has a story. It ages, it changes character, it conspires with the bowler, it occasionally rebels. In the IPL, it barely has time to develop a personality. By the time it begins to do something interesting, it is either replaced or rendered irrelevant by the next strategic timeout.

Batters deserve credit of course. They have figured out a way to strike from difficult angles, jettisoned the fear of getting out knowing there is a batter with a similar mindset following.

The implement they carry began its life many centuries ago as 'dog' and is merely chasing the 'cat', as Hugh Barty-King tells us in *Quilt Winders and Pod Shavers: The History of Cricket Bat and Ball Manufacture*. The first cricket ball – from a 17th century British game called 'Cat and Dog', – precursor to the modern game was a 'cat', the first cricket bat was a 'dog' The latter has been chasing the former ever since.

In a sport built on the contest between bat and ball, one of the protagonists has been sidelined. Perhaps I exaggerate. The IPL is not pretending to be something it is not. It is theatre, and in theatre, not every character gets equal lines. Great playwrights have sometimes taken minor characters and built a play around them (Rosencratz and Guildernstern from *Hamlet*, for example), but that is not the norm.

So the ball soldiers on, scuffed and occasionally scorned, doing its job with a kind of stoic resignation. It invites reflection. As the philosopher Gary Cox said, "The world would certainly be a far less interesting though safer place without the cricket ball in it."

LIVE TELECAST

IPL: Star Sports 1 & JioHotstar, 7.30 p.m.

ISL: Sony Sports 2 & FanCode, 7.30 p.m.

South Africa Women vs India Women: 3rd T20I, Star Sports 3 & JioHotstar, 9.30 p.m.

Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 & JioHotstar, 12.30 a.m. (Thursday).